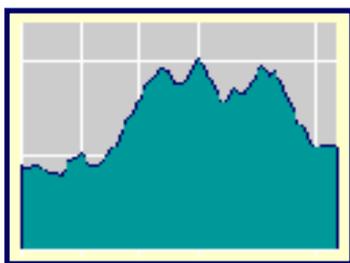




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Homicide trends in the United States

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This site contains a series of charts that describe homicide patterns and trends in the United States since 1976.

Homicide is of interest not only because of its severity but also because it is a fairly reliable barometer of all violent crime. At a national level, no other crime is measured as accurately and precisely.

The data on this site may differ slightly from previously published figures because of updates to the data files after publication and the imputation methods used.

The Supplemental Homicide Reports that are the primary data source for this presentation are available at the:

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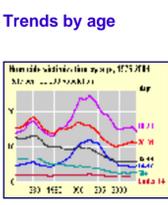
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Long term trends



Homicide rates recently declined to levels last seen in the late 1960's

- [Homicide victimization rates, 1950-2004](#)

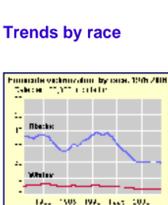
Trends by age



The rise in teen involvement in homicide as both victims and offenders beginning in the mid-1980's was dramatic

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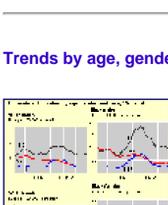
Trends by gender



Most victims and perpetrators in homicides are male

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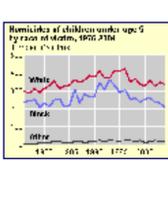
Trends by race



Racial differences exist, with blacks disproportionately represented among homicide victims and offenders

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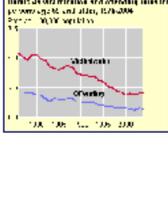
Trends by age, gender, and race



Dramatic increases in both homicide victimization and offending rates were experienced by young males, particularly young black males, in the late 1980's and early 1990's

- [Homicide victimization rates by age, gender, and race, 1976-2004](#)
- [Homicide offending rates by age, gender, and race, 1976-2004](#)
- [Young males as a proportion of the population, homicide victims, and homicide offenders by race, 1976-2004](#)

Infanticide



The number of homicides of children under age 5 increased over the past two decades but declined recently

- [The number of homicides of children under age 5 by race, 1976-2004](#)
- [Homicide victimization rates for children under age 5 by race, 1976-2004](#)
- [The number of homicides of children under age 5 by age of victim, 1976-2004](#)
- [Homicides of children under age 5 by relationship to the offender, 1976-2004](#)
- [Relationships of children under age 5 by gender of victim and offender, 1976-2004](#)

Eldercide



The number of homicides of persons age 65 or older has been decreasing

- [Homicides of persons age 65 and older by gender of victim, 1976-2004](#)
- [Homicide victimization and offending rates for persons age 65 and older, 1976-2004](#)
- [Percent of homicides committed during a felony by age of victim, 1976-2004 aggregate](#)

Intimates



There has been a decline in homicide of intimates, especially male victims

- [Homicides of intimates by gender of victim, 1976-2004](#)
- [Homicides of intimates by gender and race of victim, 1976-2004](#)
- [Proportion of all homicides involving intimates by gender of victim, 1976-2004](#)
- [Number of homicides of intimates by relationship of the victim to the offender, 1976-2004](#)
- [Intimate homicide rates by race, gender and relationship, 1976-2004](#)
- [Intimate homicides by type of weapon and gender of victim, 1976-2004](#)

Law enforcement officers



The number of law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty has declined since the early 1970's

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Multiple victims and offenders



Few homicides involve multiple offenders and fewer involve multiple victims

- [Percent of homicides involving multiple offenders or multiple victims, 1976-2004](#)
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Circumstances



The mix of circumstances surrounding homicides has changed over the last two decades

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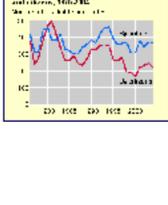
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Homicides are most often committed with guns, especially handguns

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The southern regions historically have had higher homicide rates than other regions

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- [Percent of all homicides involving intimates by urban, suburban, and rural area, 1976-2004](#)

Clearances

The percentage of homicides cleared by arrest has been declining

- [Percent of homicides cleared by arrest, 1976-2004](#)
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Justifiable homicides

The number of justifiable homicides has been declining

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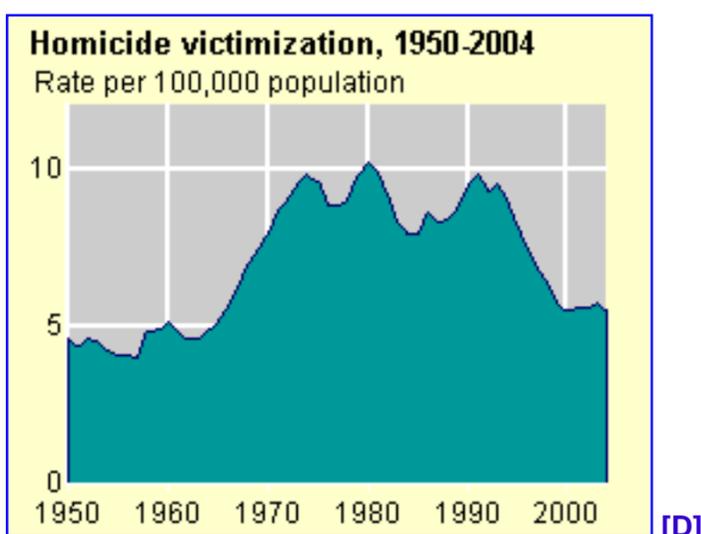
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Homicide rates recently declined to levels last seen in the late 1960's

- The homicide rate nearly doubled from the mid 1960's to the late 1970's.
- In 1980, it peaked at 10.2 per 100,000 population and subsequently fell off to 7.9 per 100,000 in 1984.
- It rose again in the late 1980's and early 1990's to another peak in 1991 of 9.8 per 100,000.
- From 1992 to 2000, the rate declined sharply. Since then, the rate has been stable.

To view data, click on the chart.



Source: FBI, Uniform Crime Reports, 1950-2004

See also [Key Facts at a Glance](#) chart on [Homicide victimization rates since 1900](#) based on data from the Vital Statistics of the United States.

The demographic characteristics of homicide victims and offenders differ from the general population

Based on data for the years 1976-2004 -

- Blacks are disproportionately represented as both homicide victims and offenders. The victimization rates for blacks were 6 times higher than those for whites. The offending rates for blacks were 7 times higher the rates for whites.
- Males represent 77% of homicide victims and nearly 90% of offenders. The victimization rates for males were 3 times higher than the rates for females. The offending rates for males were 8 times higher than the rates for females.
- Approximately one-third of murder victims and almost half the offenders are under the age of 25. For both victims and offenders, the rate per 100,000 peaks in the 18-24 year-old age group.

Victims and Offenders by Demographic Group, 1976-2004

	Percent of -			Rate per 100,000 population	
	Victims	Offenders	Population	Victims	Offenders
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	7.9	8.8
Age					
Under 14	4.8%	.5%	20.5%	1.8	.2
14-17	5.0%	10.5%	6.1%	6.5	15.1
18-24	23.9%	36.5%	10.9%	17.1	29.4
25-34	28.9%	28.5%	15.8%	14.2	15.9
35-49	22.8%	17.3%	20.4%	8.7	7.4
50-64	9.3%	5.1%	14.1%	5.1	3.2
65+	5.4%	1.7%	12.2%	3.4	1.2
Gender					
Male	76.5%	88.7%	48.8%	12.4	16.0
Female	23.5%	11.3%	51.2%	3.6	1.9
Race					
White	51.0%	45.9%	83.8%	4.8	4.8
Black	46.9%	52.1%	12.3%	30.0	37.3
Other	2.1%	2.0%	4.0%	4.2	4.5

Source: FBI, Supplementary Homicide Reports, 1976-2004.
See also [Additional Information about the Data](#).

Note: The victims of the 9/11/01 terrorist attacks are not included in this analysis.

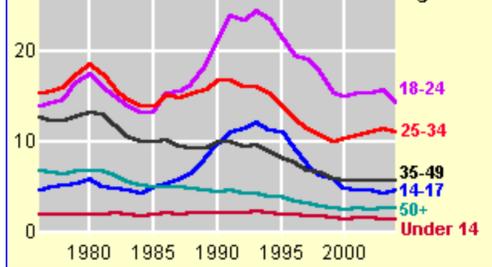


Older teens and young adults have the highest homicide victimization and offending rates

Homicide victimization rates for teens and young adults increased dramatically in the late 1980's while rates for older age groups declined; after the early 1990's rates declined for all age groups

- Homicide victimization rates for children under age 14 have declined recently and remain low relative to older groups.
- The homicide victimization rate for young teens (14-17 years old) increased almost 150% from 1985 to 1993. Since 1993 the victimization rates for young teens have declined to levels similar to those experienced from 1976-85.
- Older teens and young adults (18-24 years old) experienced the highest homicide victimization rates, a change from the late 1970's when 25-34 year-olds had the highest rates.
- The homicide victimization rates have generally declined for adults ages 35-49 and 50 and older.
- Since 1993 homicide victimization rates for older teens and young adults (18-24 year olds) have declined but still remain higher than the levels of the mid-1980's.
- 25-34 year-olds are the only group to experience an increase, although slight, in homicide victimization rates since the late 1990's.

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View an [animation of homicide victimization rates by age from 1980 to 2002.](#)

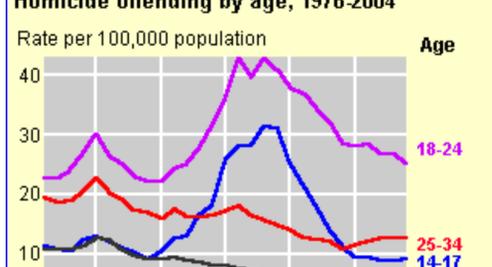
Additional detail is available about homicides of children under age 5, **infanticide**, and homicides of persons age 65 and older, **eldercide**.

For more information about age patterns in violent victimization see [Key Facts at a Glance](#).

Homicide offending rates followed a similar pattern

- Offending rates for young teens (14-17 years old) and older teens and young adults (18-24 years old) increased dramatically in the late 1980's while rates for older age groups declined.
- Offending rates for children under age 14 increased in the late 1980's and early 1990's, but have recently fallen to the lowest levels recorded.
- Older teens and young adults (18-24 years -old) have historically had the highest offending rates and their rates nearly doubled from 1985 to 1993. Since 1993 offending rates for 18-24 year-olds have declined but remain higher than levels prior to the mid 1980's.
- Offending rates of young teens (14-17 years old) increased rapidly after 1985, surpassing the rates of 25-34 year-olds. Recently, the offending rates for young teens reached the lowest levels recorded and have fallen below those for 25-34 year-olds.
- Offending rates for 25-34 year-olds fell from 1980 through 1999 but have increased slightly before leveling off in recent years.

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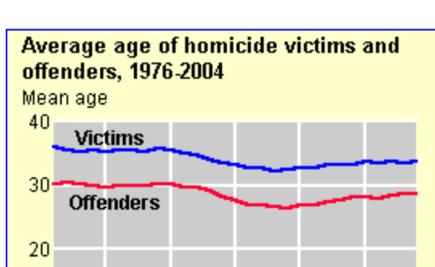
For more information about age patterns in violent offending see [Key Facts at a Glance](#).

After many years of decline, the average age of both victims and offenders has leveled off

The average age of --

- victims is greater than that of offenders and fell from 35.2 years in 1976 to 31.3 years in 1994
- offenders fell from about 30.3 years in 1976 to 26.4 years in 1994
- both offenders and victims has increased slightly in recent years yet remains lower than it was prior to the mid-1980's

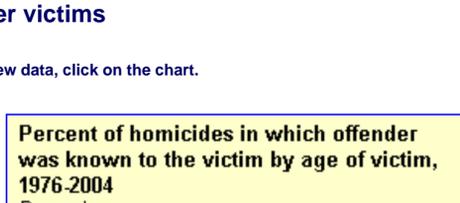
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Young victims were more likely to know the offender than older victims

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The age distribution of homicide victims and offenders differs by type of homicide

For the years 1976-2004 combined -

- Over one-quarter of the victims of gang-related killings were under the age of 18. Juveniles were also unusually involved as victims of family members, sex-related homicides, and homicide by arson or poison.
- Felony-murder, workplace murder, arson, and poison homicides claimed a relatively large percentage of older victims.

	Victims				Offenders			
	Under 18	18-34	35-49	50+	Under 18	18-34	35-49	50+
All homicides	9.8%	52.7%	22.8%	14.7%	10.9%	65.0%	17.3%	6.9%
Victim/offender relationship								
Intimate	1.7%	46.8%	34.1%	17.5%	1.1%	46.6%	34.7%	17.7%
Family	19.5%	32.1%	26.5%	21.9%	6.1%	49.2%	28.0%	16.7%
Infanticide	100.0%				8.2%	81.1%	9.6%	1.1%
Eldercide				100.0%	10.4%	49.5%	18.9%	21.2%
Circumstances								
Felony murder	7.6%	46.8%	21.7%	23.9%	14.9%	72.9%	10.2%	2.0%
Sex related	19.7%	45.2%	16.6%	18.6%	10.7%	73.8%	13.4%	2.0%
Drog related	5.4%	71.5%	19.8%	3.2%	10.6%	76.8%	11.3%	1.2%
Gang related	24.5%	68.3%	6.0%	1.3%	29.4%	68.8%	1.6%	.3%
Argument	5.4%	56.2%	26.2%	12.1%	6.9%	60.2%	23.1%	9.8%
Workplace	2.0%	27.4%	31.5%	39.1%	4.9%	53.0%	27.1%	15.0%
Weapon								
Gun homicide	7.4%	59.2%	22.4%	10.9%	11.9%	64.6%	15.9%	7.6%
Arson	28.2%	27.1%	19.2%	25.5%	11.6%	57.8%	23.5%	7.1%
Poison	26.7%	23.9%	16.6%	32.7%	4.5%	50.9%	26.2%	18.4%
Multiple victims or offenders								
Multiple victims	18.4%	46.2%	19.1%	16.4%	9.5%	66.1%	18.6%	5.8%
Multiple offenders	11.3%	55.4%	19.8%	13.6%	18.4%	73.0%	7.4%	1.2%

Source: FBI, Supplementary Homicide Reports, 1976-2004.
See also [Additional Information about the Data](#).

Note: The victims of the 9/11/01 terrorist attacks are not included in this analysis.

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Most victims and perpetrators in homicides are male

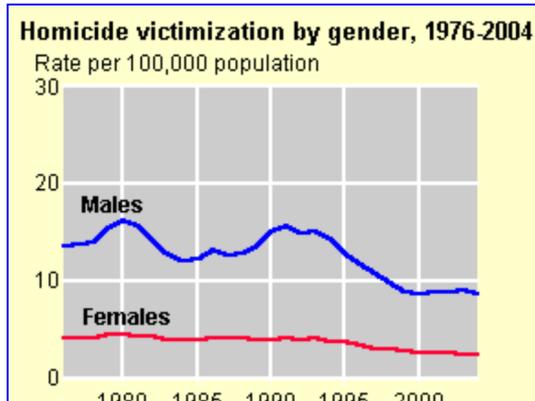
Male offender/Male victim	65.2%
Male offender/Female victim	22.6%
Female offender/Male victim	9.7%
Female offender/Female victim	2.4%

Both male and female offenders are more likely to target male victims than female victims.

Victimization rates for both males and females have declined in recent years

- Males were almost 4 times more likely than females to be murdered in 2004
- In 2004 rates for females reached their lowest point recorded; rates for males increased slightly from the low point recorded in 2000.

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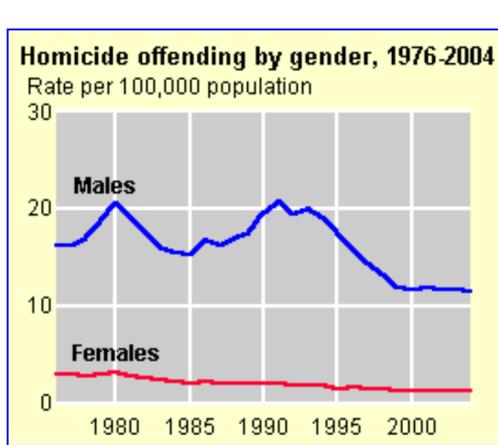
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For more information about gender patterns in violent victimization see [Key Facts at a Glance](#).

Offending rates for both males and females followed the same pattern as victimization rates

- Males were almost 10 times more likely than females to commit murder in 2004.
- The offending rates for females declined since the early 1980's while those for males peaked in the early 1990's and have fallen considerably since then.

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The gender distribution of homicide victims and offenders differs by type of homicide

For the years 1976-2004 combined -

- Among all homicide victims, females are particularly at risk for intimate killings and sex-related homicides.

Homicide Type by Gender, 1976-2004

	Victims		Offenders	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
All homicides	76.5%	23.5%	88.7%	11.3%
Victim/offender relationship				
Intimate	36.5%	63.5%	65.3%	34.7%
Family	51.7%	48.3%	70.6%	29.4%
Infanticide	54.5%	45.5%	61.8%	38.2%
Eldercide	58.3%	41.7%	85.3%	14.7%
Circumstances				
Felony murder	78.2%	21.8%	93.3%	6.7%
Sex related	18.8%	81.2%	93.6%	6.4%
Drug related	90.1%	9.9%	95.6%	4.4%
Gang related	94.6%	5.4%	98.3%	1.7%
Argument	77.9%	22.1%	85.5%	14.5%
Workplace	78.3%	21.7%	91.1%	8.9%
Weapon				
Gun homicide	82.7%	17.3%	91.2%	8.8%
Arson	56.3%	43.7%	79.1%	20.9%
Poison	55.6%	44.4%	63.3%	36.7%
Multiple victims or offenders				
Multiple victims	63.1%	36.9%	93.5%	6.5%
Multiple offenders	85.6%	14.4%	91.7%	8.3%

The relationship between the victim and the offender differs for female and male victims

- Female victims are more likely than male victims to be killed by an intimate or family member.
- Male victims are more likely than female victims to be killed by acquaintances or strangers.

Victim Offender Relationship by Victim Gender, 1976-2004

Victim/Offender relationship	Percent of homicide victims by gender	
	Male	Female
Total	100.0%	100.0%
Intimate	5.3%	30.1%
Spouse	3.2	18.4
Ex-spouse	0.2	1.4
Boyfriend/Girlfriend	1.9	10.3
Other family	6.7%	11.7%
Parent	1.3	2.7
Child	2.1	5.4
Sibling	1.2	0.9
Other family	2.1	2.7
Acquaintance/Known	35.5%	21.8%
Neighbor	1.1	1.3
Employee/er	0.2	0.1
Friend/Acquaintance	29.7	17.0
Other Known	4.5	3.3
Stranger	15.5%	8.8%
Undetermined	37.1%	27.7%

Source: FBI, Supplementary Homicide Reports, 1976-2004.
See also [Additional Information about the Data](#).

Note: The victims of the 9/11/01 terrorist attacks are not included in this analysis.

Related charts on this site

- [Homicides of children under age 5 by gender of victim and offender, 1976-2004](#)
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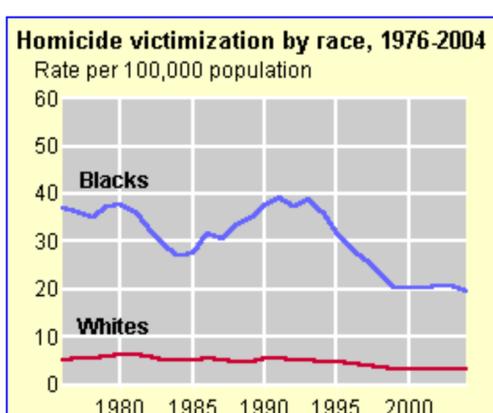


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 Trends by race

Racial differences exist, with blacks disproportionately represented among homicide victims and offenders

In 2004, homicide victimization rates for blacks were 6 times higher than the rates for whites.

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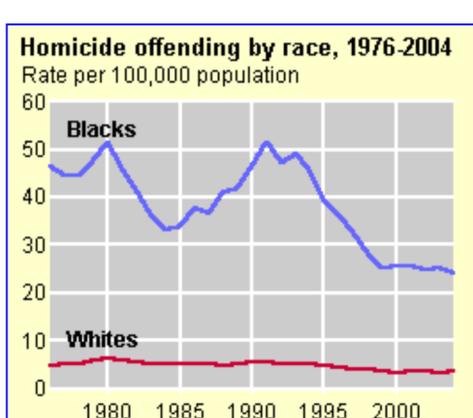


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In 2004, offending rates for blacks were 7 times higher than the rates for whites

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The race distribution of homicide victims and offenders differs by type of homicide

For the years 1976-2004 combined -

- Black victims are greatly over represented in homicides involving drugs. Compared with the overall involvement of blacks as victims, blacks are less often the victims of sex-related homicides, workplace killings, and homicide by poison.
- Race patterns among offenders are similar to those among victims.

Homicide Type by Race, 1976-2004

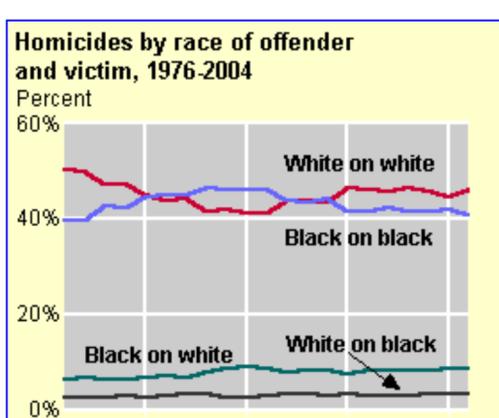
	Victims			Offenders		
	White	Black	Other	White	Black	Other
All homicides	51.0%	46.9%	2.1%	45.9%	52.1%	2.0%
Victim/offender relationship						
Intimate	56.5%	41.3%	2.2%	54.3%	43.6%	2.2%
Family	60.6%	37.1%	2.4%	59.1%	38.6%	2.3%
Infanticide	55.8%	41.6%	2.5%	55.3%	42.2%	2.5%
Eldercide	69.1%	29.3%	1.6%	54.4%	44.0%	1.6%
Circumstances						
Felony murder	54.8%	42.7%	2.5%	39.1%	59.3%	1.6%
Sex related	67.0%	30.6%	2.4%	54.9%	43.3%	1.9%
Drug related	37.2%	61.9%	.9%	33.8%	65.1%	1.1%
Gang related	57.6%	39.0%	3.5%	54.4%	41.3%	4.3%
Argument	48.5%	49.4%	2.1%	46.7%	51.1%	2.1%
Workplace	84.9%	12.0%	3.1%	70.5%	26.4%	3.1%
Weapon						
Gun homicide	47.3%	50.8%	1.9%	42.0%	56.2%	1.7%
Arson	59.2%	37.9%	2.9%	55.7%	42.0%	2.3%
Poison	80.2%	17.2%	2.5%	79.6%	18.6%	1.8%
Multiple victims or offenders						
Multiple victims	63.6%	33.1%	3.4%	56.1%	40.5%	3.4%
Multiple offenders	55.0%	42.3%	2.7%	44.8%	52.8%	2.4%

Although slightly less true now than before, most murders are intraracial

From 1976 to 2004 --

- 86% of white victims were killed by whites
- 94% of black victims were killed by blacks

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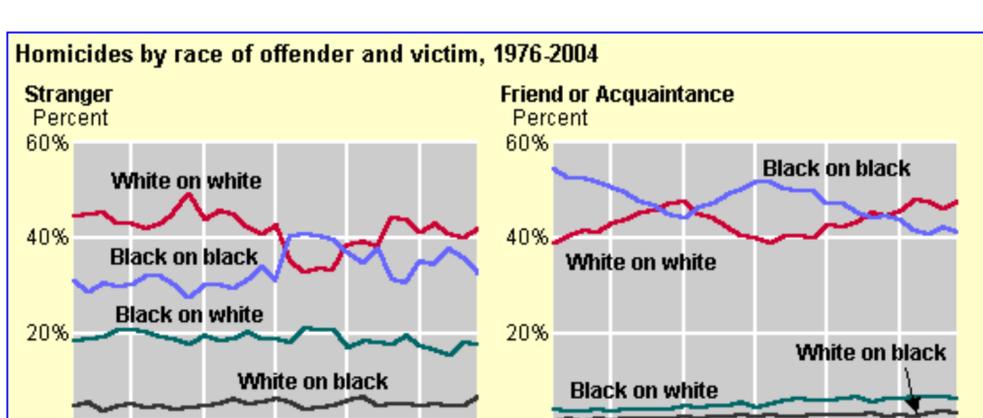
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Stranger homicides are more likely to cross racial lines than those that involve friends or acquaintances

For homicides committed by --

- a friend or acquaintance of the victim less than one-tenth (8%) were interracial
- a stranger to the victim, one-quarter were interracial

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- [The number of homicides of children under age 5 by race, 1976-2004](#)
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Dramatic increases in both homicide victimization and offending rates were experienced by young males, particularly young black males, in the late 1980's and early 1990's

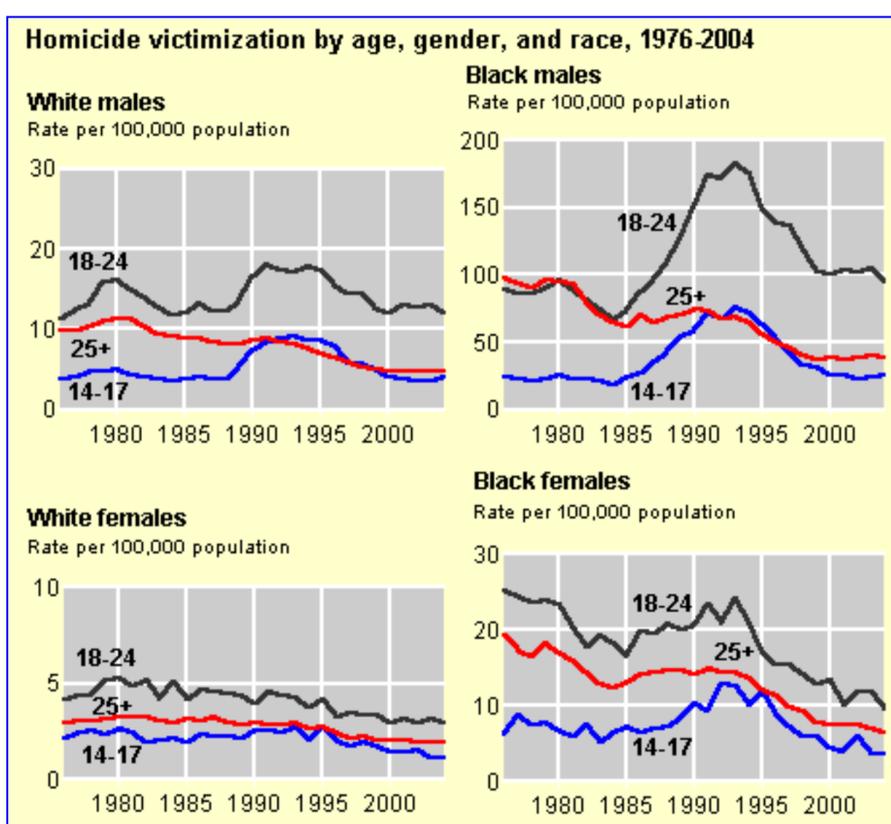
During the late 1990's, homicide victimization rates dropped for all groups. In recent years, rates for most groups stabilized.

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In 2004 --

- Black males 18-24 years old had the highest homicide victimization rates. Compared to the next highest rates, their rates were more than double the rates for black males age 25 and older and 4 times the rates for black males 14-17 years old.
- After increases in the early 1990's, 14-17 year old males experienced homicide victimization rates in 2004 that were about the same as those of the early 1970's.
- Although much lower than the rates experienced in the late 1980's and early 1990's, rates for black males ages 18-24 remain higher in 2004 than in earlier periods.

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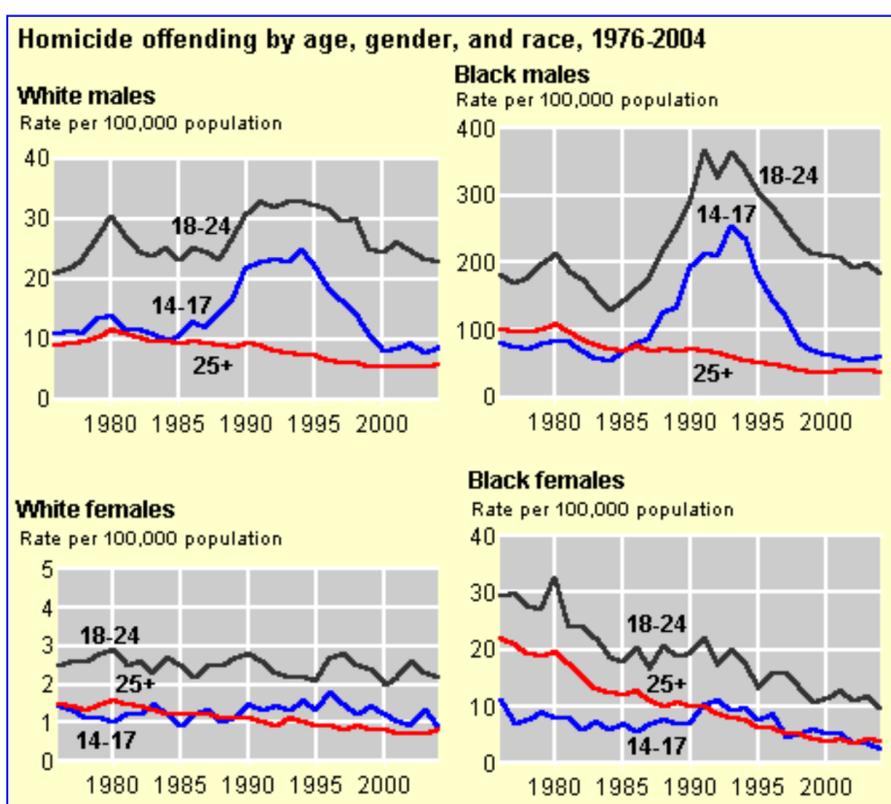


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Homicide offending patterns are similar to victimization patterns

- Black males 18-24 years old have the highest homicide offending rates. Compared to the next highest rates, their rates are more than 3 times the rates of black males 14-17 years old and 5 times the rates of black males age 25 and older.
- Older teens and young adults (18-24 years old) have the highest offending rates in each racial and gender group.
- Offending rates for black males 18-24 years old declined recently although at a slower pace than in the mid 1990's.
- For white male teens and young adults, offending rates peaked in the early 1990's, fell to lows in 2000, and increased slightly through 2004.
- For black females of all age groups, offending rates declined since the early 1990's.
- White females of all age groups experience the lowest offending rates.

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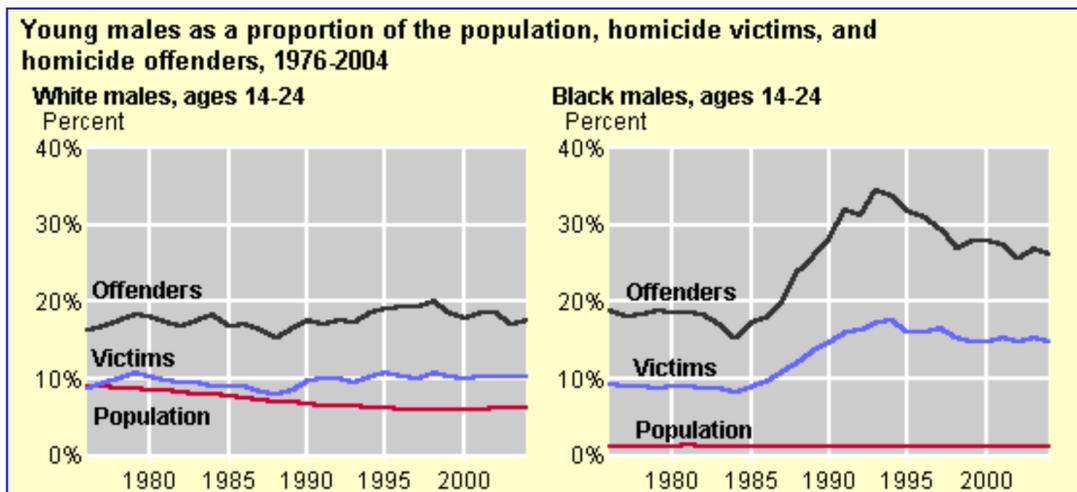
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Young males, particularly young black males, are disproportionately involved in homicide compared to their share of the population

The proportion of the population represented by --

- young white males has declined, while the proportions of homicide victims and offenders who were young white males have been increasing
- young black males has remained at about 1%, while the proportions of homicide victims and offenders who were young black males have increased dramatically from the mid 1980's to the early 1990's but have declined recently

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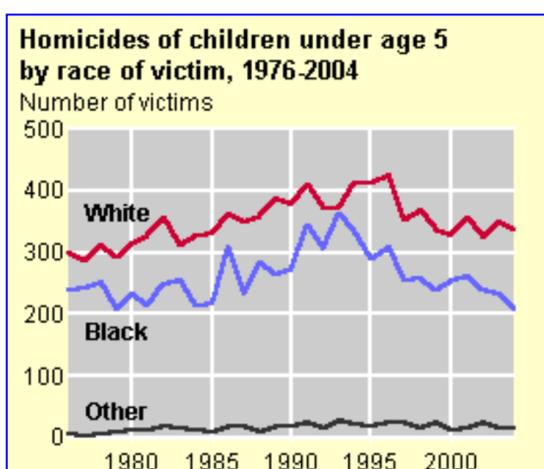
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Infanticide

The number of homicides of children under age 5 increased through the mid 1990's, but declined recently

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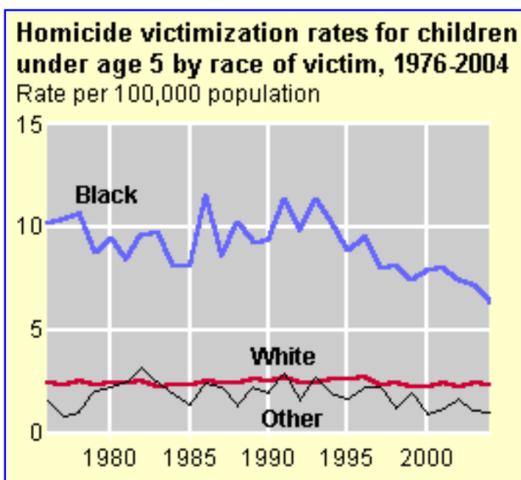
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The infanticide rates have remained fairly stable or declined for all racial groups

Infanticide rates for --

- black children have recently declined, reaching the lowest level recorded in 2004
- white children have remained stable
- children of other racial groups have remained relatively stable.

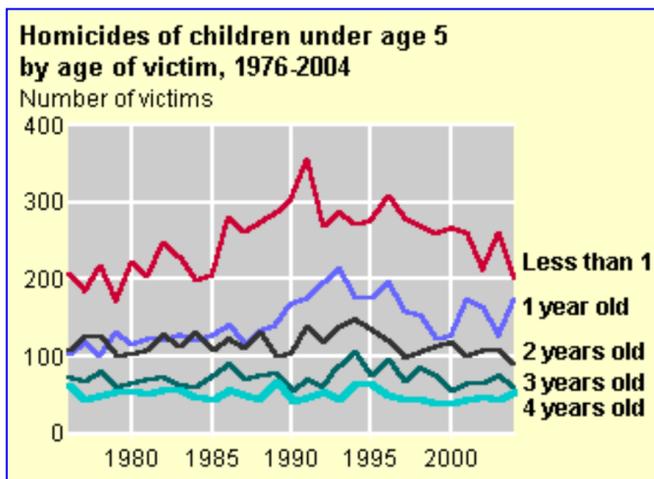
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The younger the child, the greater the risk for infanticide

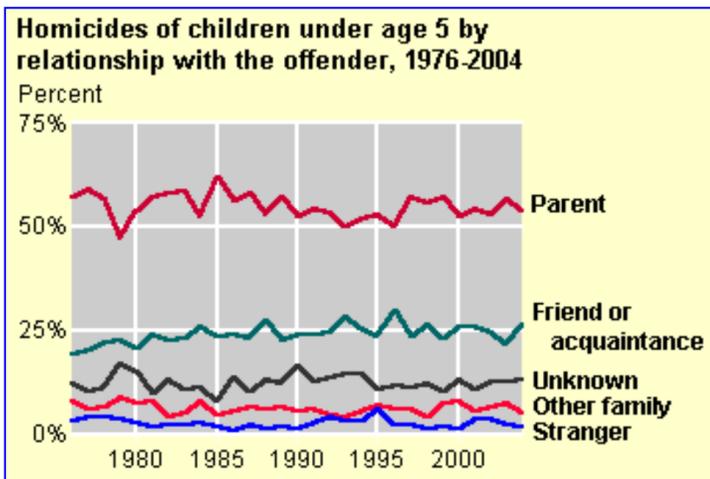
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A parent is the perpetrator in most homicides of children under age 5

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Note: Parents includes stepparents.

Of all children under age 5 murdered from 1976-2004 --

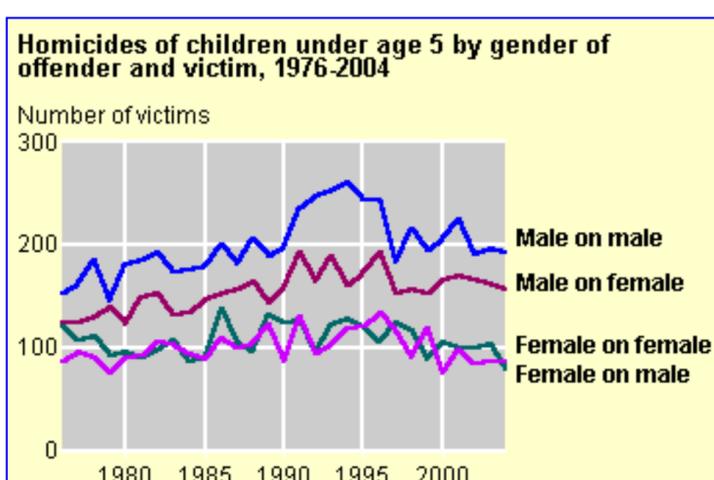
- 31% were killed by fathers
- 30% were killed by mothers
- 23% were killed by male acquaintances
- 7% were killed by other relatives
- 3% were killed by strangers

Of those children killed by someone other than their parent, 81% were killed by males.

Gender of offender	Relationship, 1976-2004				
	Parent	Other family	Friend/ Acquaintance	Stranger	Unknown
Male	5,112	720	3,713	424	314
Female	4,833	389	683	22	98

Most of the children killed are male and most of the offenders are male

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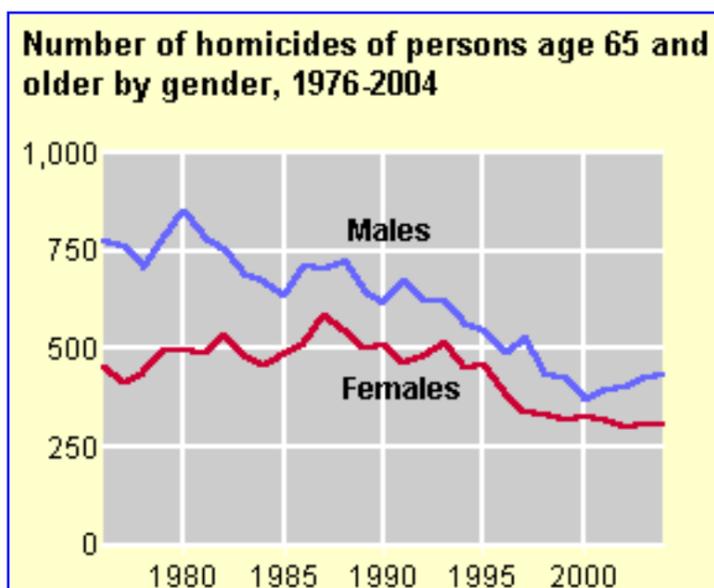
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The number of homicides of persons age 65 or older has been decreasing

- About 5% of all homicides were of persons age 65 or older
- More males age 65 or older were homicide victims than females of the same age

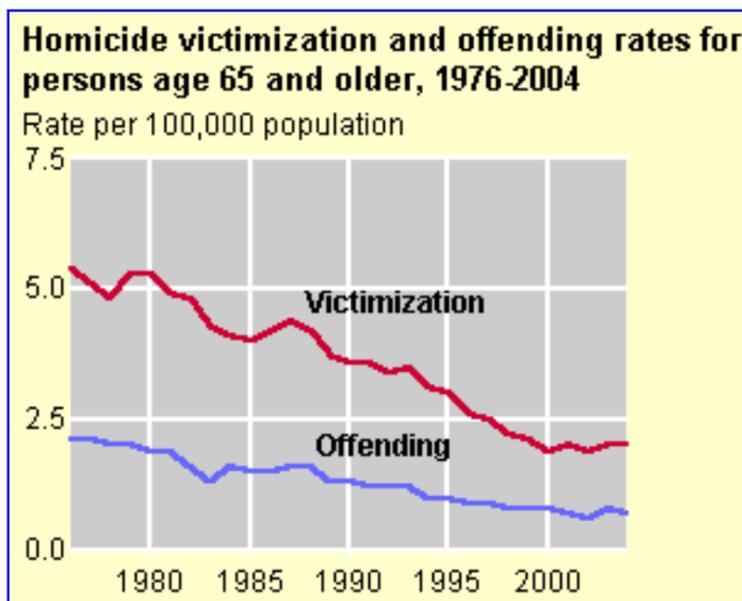
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The homicide victimization rates and offending rates for persons age 65 or older have been declining

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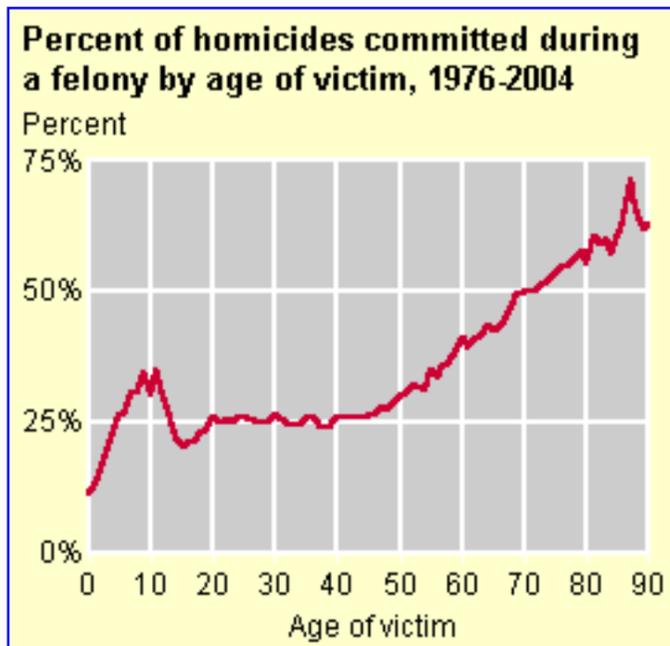


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Older homicide victims were more likely to have been killed during a felony than younger victims

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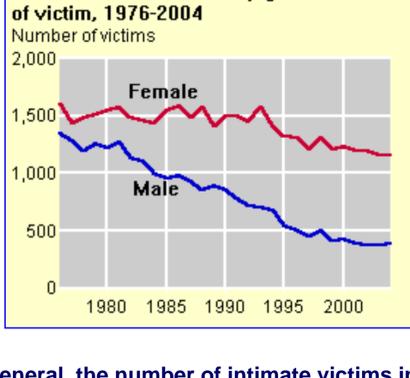
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There has been a decline in homicide of intimates, especially male victims

Intimates are defined to include spouses, ex-spouses, boyfriends, and girlfriends.

- The number of men murdered by intimates dropped by 71% since 1976.
- The number of women killed by intimates was stable for two decades. After 1993, the number declined reaching the lowest level recorded in 2004.

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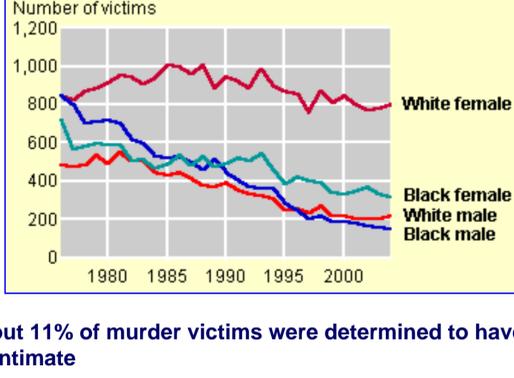
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In general, the number of intimate victims in each race and gender group declined

Between 1976 and 2004 --

- the number of white females killed by intimates rose in the mid-1980's, then declined after 1993 reaching the lowest recorded in 2002. The number increased slightly after 2002.
- the number of intimate homicides for all other race and gender groups declined over the period; the number of black males killed by intimates dropped by 82%, black females by 56%, white males by 55%, and white females 5%.

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About 11% of murder victims were determined to have been killed by an intimate

Most murder victims were familiar with their assailants.

- Spouses and family members made up about 15% of all victims.
- About one-third of the victims were acquaintances of the assailant.
- In 14% of all murders, the victim and the offender were strangers.
- The victim/offender relationship was undetermined in about one-third of homicides.

Victim/Offender Relationship, 1976-2004

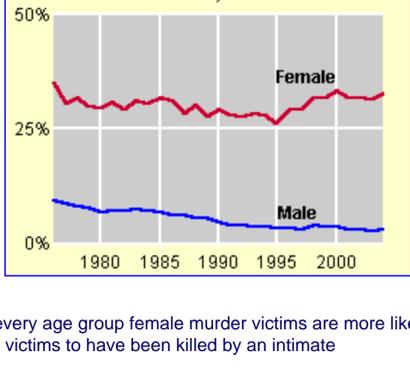
	All homicides, 1976-2004	Percent	Number
Total		100.0%	577,574
Intimate		11.1%	64,337
Non-intimate		53.9%	311,588
Undetermined		34.9%	201,649
Total		100.0%	577,574
Stranger		13.9%	80,109
Nonstranger			
Spouse		7.2%	41,772
Other family		7.9%	45,382
Boyfriend/Girlfriend		3.9%	22,565
Other		32.2%	186,097
Relationship undetermined		34.9%	201,649

Female murder victims are substantially more likely than male murder victims to have been killed by an intimate

In recent years -

- About one third of female murder victims were killed by an intimate.
- About 3% of male murder victims were killed by an intimate.
- Of all female murder victims, the proportion killed by an intimate declined slightly until 1995 when the proportion began increasing, although it has stabilized recently.
- Of male murder victims, the proportion killed by an intimate has dropped.

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For every age group female murder victims are more likely than male victims to have been killed by an intimate

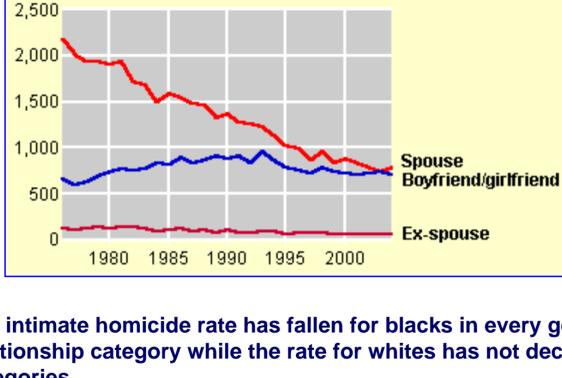
Percent of all murders by intimates, 1976-2004

	Male victims	Female victims
12-17	--	5%
18-24	2%	29
25-29	5	37
30-34	7	41
35-39	8	43
40-44	9	42
45-49	10	40
50-59	10	32
60+	7	21

-- Less than 0.5%

Most intimate homicides involved spouses, although in recent years the number of deaths by boyfriends and girlfriends was about the same

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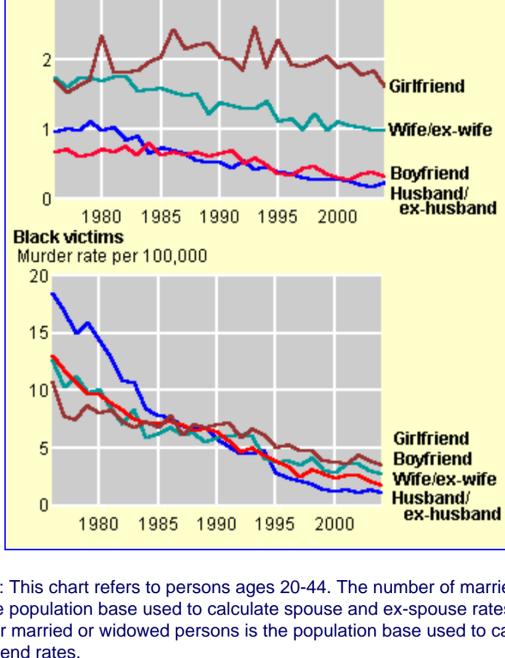
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The intimate homicide rate has fallen for blacks in every gender and relationship category while the rate for whites has not declined for all categories

The intimate homicide rate --

- for white girlfriends was about the same in 2004 as it was in 1976
- for white wives and ex-wives has declined but not as much as that for white husbands and ex-husbands
- for black husbands and ex-husbands was 16 times greater in 1976 than it was in 2004
- is higher for black girlfriends than any other group in 2004, although it has declined 67% since 1976.

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Note: This chart refers to persons ages 20-44. The number of married or divorced persons is the population base used to calculate spouse and ex-spouse rates and the number of never married or widowed persons is the population base used to calculate boyfriend/girlfriend rates.

The number of male and female intimate victims killed with guns has fallen. For female victims the number of victims killed by other weapons has remained stable.

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In general, guns are most often used in intimate homicide but weapon type varies by relationship. From 1990 to 2004 --

- Over two-thirds of the spouse and ex-spouse victims were killed by guns.
- Boyfriend victims were more likely to be killed by knives than any other group of intimates.
- Girlfriends are more likely to be killed by force than any other group of intimates.

Homicides by relationship and weapon type, 1990-2004

Relationship of victim to offender	Total	Gun	Knife	Blunt object	Force	Other weapon
Husband	100%	69%	26%	2%	1%	2%
Ex-husband	100	87	9	1	0	2
Wife	100	68	14	5	10	4
Ex-wife	100	77	12	2	6	3
Boyfriend	100	46	45	3	3	3
Girlfriend	100	56	20	5	14	5

Source: FBI, Supplementary Homicide Reports, 1976-2004. See also [Additional information about the data.](#)

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The number of law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty has declined since the early 1970's

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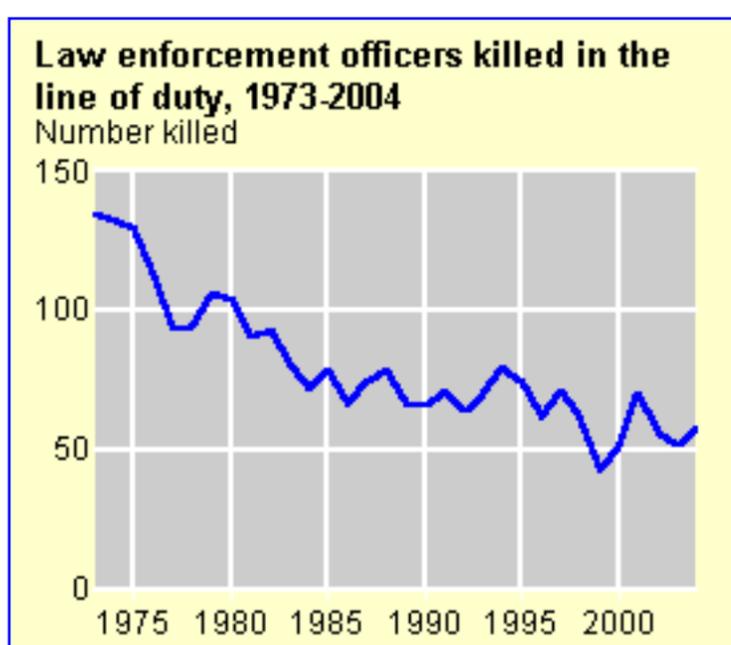
Between 1995 and 2004, of the 636 officers killed --

- 26% were in arrest situations
- 18% were in ambush situations
- 16% were on disturbance calls
- 16% were making traffic pursuits/stops
- 13% were investigating suspicious persons/circumstances
- 10% were in other situations

Of the 696 assailants identified in the killing of law enforcement officers from 1995-2004 --

- more than half had a prior conviction
- two-fifths were on probation or parole at the time.

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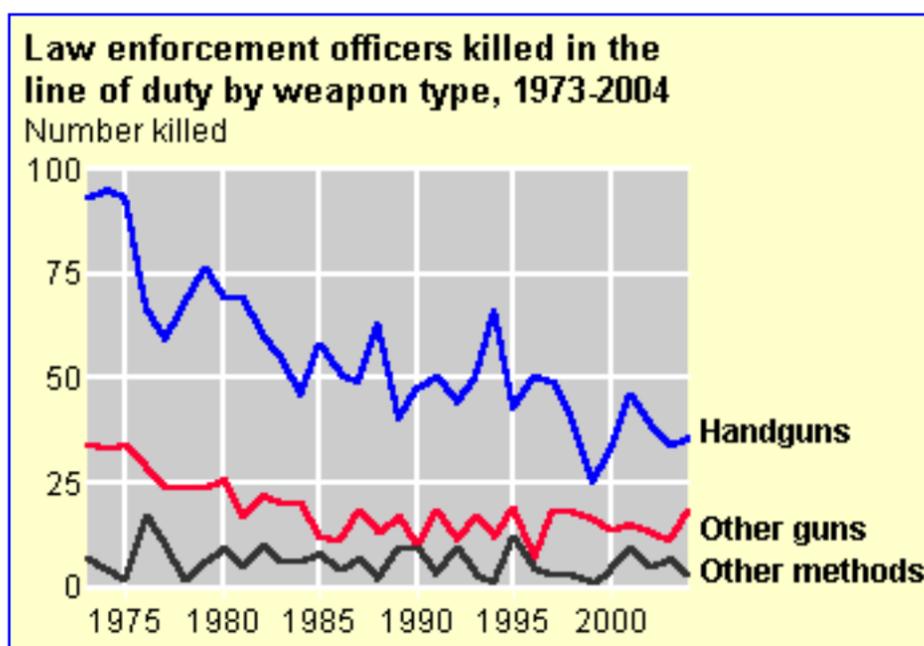


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Most law enforcement officers are killed with firearms, particularly handguns

The greatest proportion of the recent decline in such murders is attributable to the decline in handgun murders.

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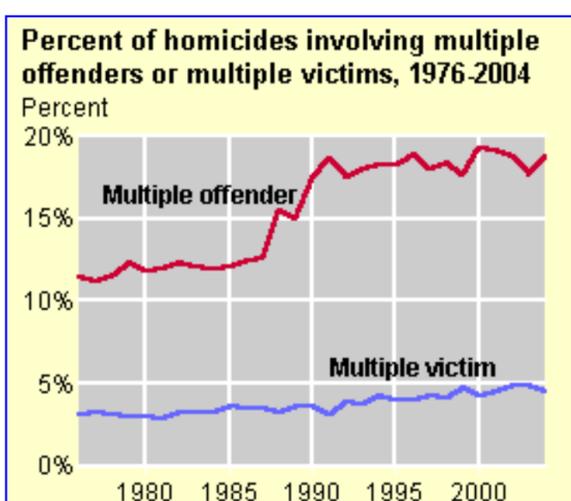
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Multiple victims and offenders

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Few homicides involve multiple offenders and fewer involve multiple victims

- Homicides are more likely to involve multiple offenders than multiple victims.
- The proportion of homicides involving multiple offenders rose dramatically in the late 1980's and early 1990's and remains high; it was 11.5% in 1976 and 18.7% in 2004.
- The proportion of homicides involving multiple victims increased gradually during the last two decades from 3% of all homicides in 1976 to 4.5% in 2004.

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Less than 1 percent of all homicide incidents are known to have both multiple victims and multiple offenders

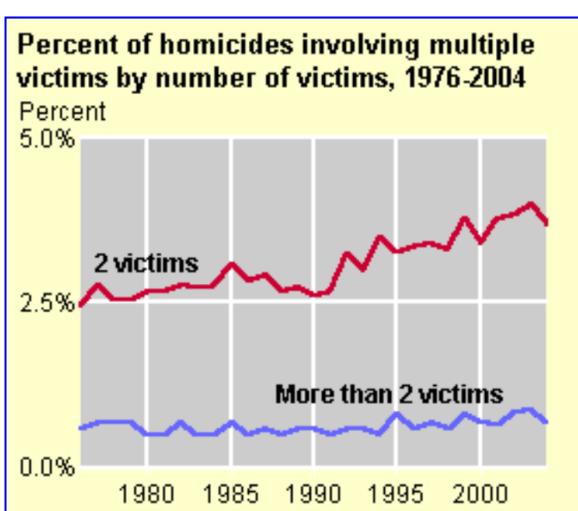
Offenders			
Victims	Single	Multiple	Unknown
Single	58%	10%	29%
Multiple	2%	1%	1%

The proportion of homicides involving two victims has increased but the proportion involving more than two has not changed

In 2004, of all homicide incidents--

- 4% involved 2 victims
- .5% involved 3 victims
- .1% involved 4 victims
- .07% involved 5 or more victims

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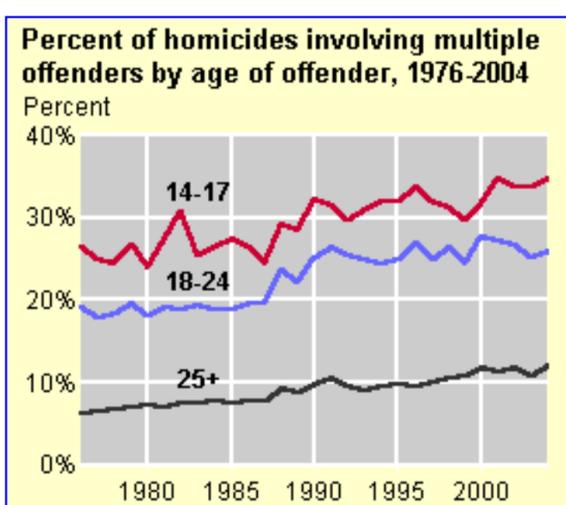
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Homicides committed by younger offenders are more likely to involve multiple offenders

In 2004 homicides involving multiple offenders represented --

- 35% of the homicides committed by offenders 14-17 years old
- 26% of the homicides committed by offenders 18-24 years old
- 12% of the homicides committed by offenders age 25 or older

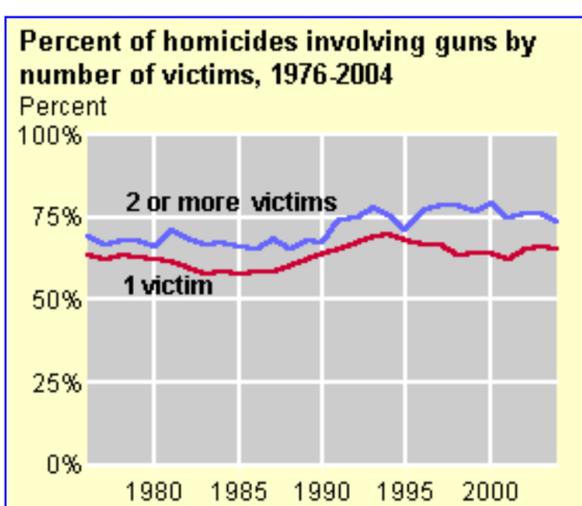
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Multiple victim homicides are more likely to involve guns than single victim homicides

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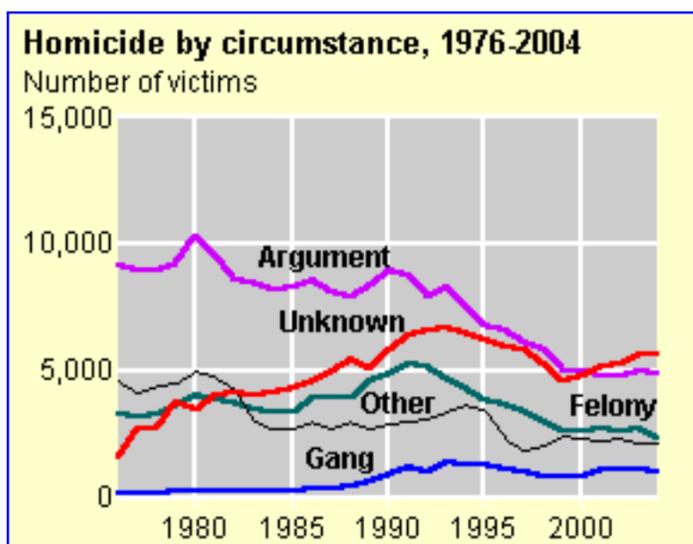


The mix of circumstances surrounding homicides has changed over the last two decades

The number of homicides --

- in which the circumstances were unknown is greater than any known category of circumstances
- resulting from arguments declined in recent years but remains the most frequently cited circumstance of the known circumstances
- that occurred during the commission of another felony like a robbery or burglary declined since 1991 but stabilized in recent years
- involving adult or juvenile gang violence increased almost 8 fold since 1976.

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Note: Arguments include brawls due to the influence of narcotics or alcohol, disagreements about money or property and other arguments.

Felony types include homicides committed during a rape, robbery, burglary, theft, motor vehicle theft, arson, and violations of prostitution and commercial vice laws, other sex offenses, narcotic drug laws, and gambling laws.

Gang homicides include gangland killings and juvenile gang killings.

The proportion of homicides involving guns differs by circumstance

Gun involvement --

- in gang related homicides increased after 1980
- in homicides that occurred during the commission of a felony increased dramatically after 1985
- in homicides resulting from arguments declined to the lowest levels recorded recently
- in homicides resulting from other circumstances remained relatively constant

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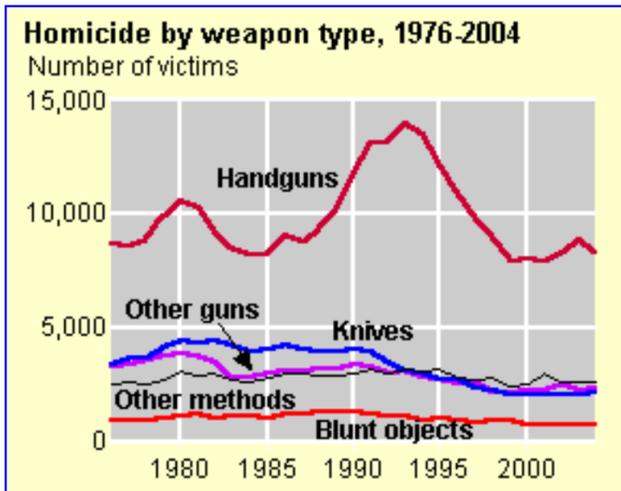
Homicide trends in the U.S.
Weapons used

Homicides are most often committed with guns, especially handguns

Like the homicide rate generally, gun-involved incidents increased sharply in the late 1980's and early 1990's before falling to a low in 1999. The number of gun-involved homicides increased after that to levels experienced in the mid 1980's.

During this same time period, homicides involving weapons other than firearms have declined slowly.

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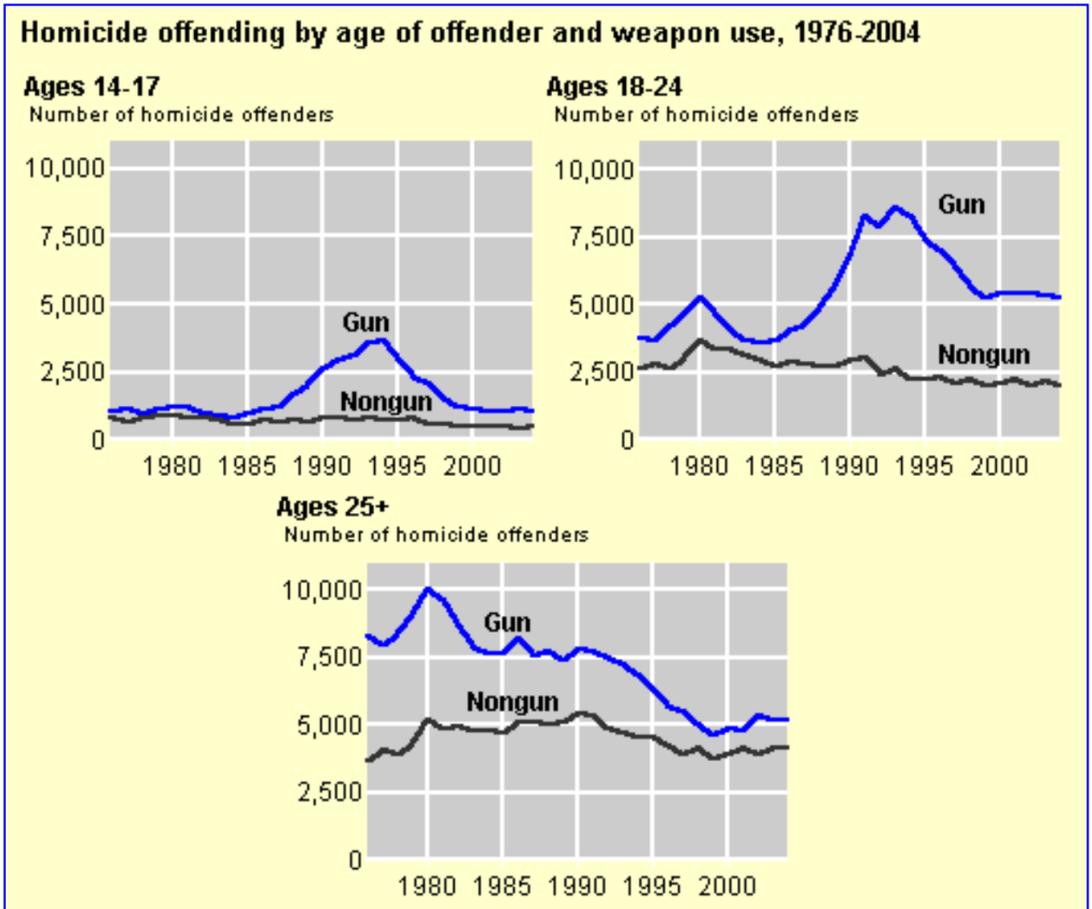


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Gun homicides by teens and young adults rose sharply beginning with the mid-1980's and fell after the early 1990's

- Gun homicides by persons 18-24 years old declined after the peak in 1993 but have not returned to the levels seen prior to the mid 1980's.
- The trend in nongun homicides shows little change, declining or fluctuating slightly for all age groups.
- Gun homicides by adults 25 and older reflect a general downward trend, although they increased slightly in recent years.
- The sharp increase in homicides in the late 1980's and much of the subsequent decline is attributable to gun violence by juveniles and young adults.

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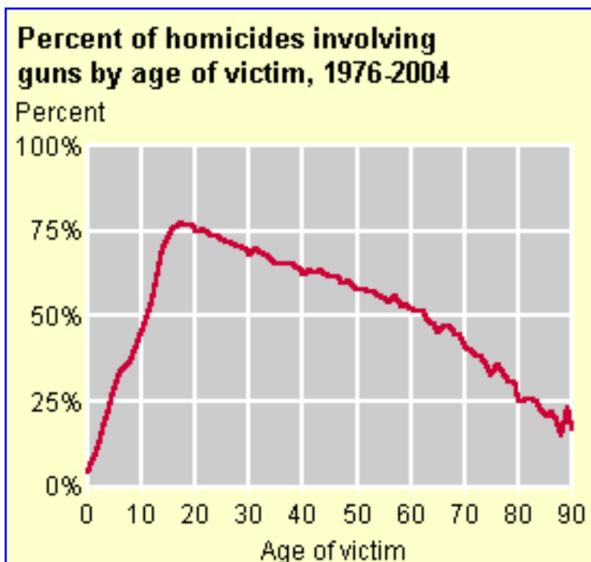


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Homicides of teens and young adults are more likely to be committed with a gun than homicides of persons of other ages

The percentage of homicide victims killed with a gun increases with age up to age 17 and declines thereafter.

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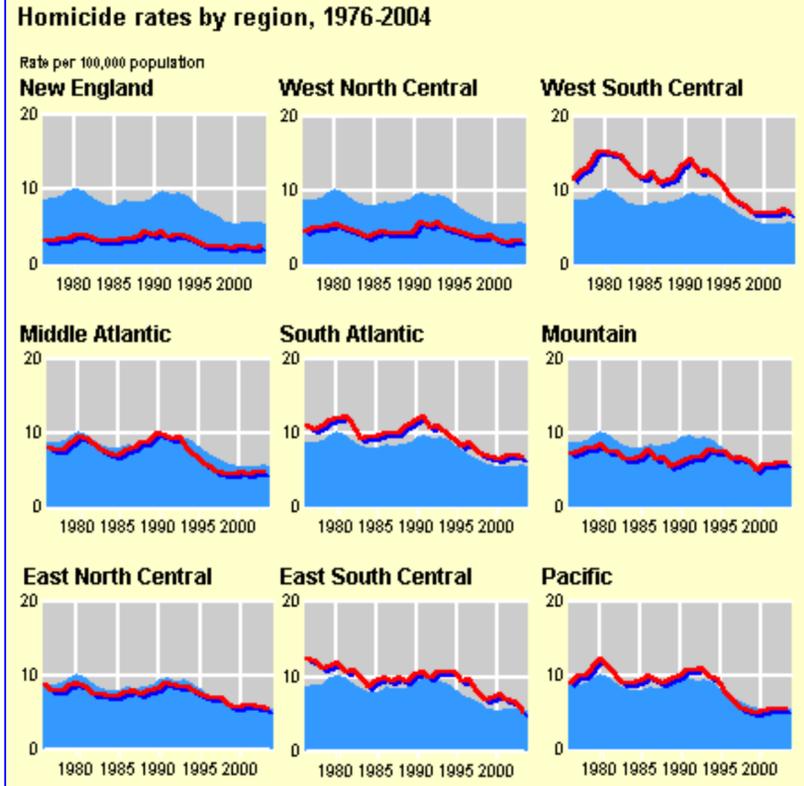
Homicide trends in the U.S.

Regional trends

In recent years, all regions have experienced a decline in homicide rates

- Rates of murder, and especially those involving guns, are higher in southern regions of the United States--in the **East South Central**, **West South Central**, and the **South Atlantic** regions.
- For over 20 years, the rates in the **Pacific** region were above average; in 1998 they fell below the national norm.
- The rates of the **Middle Atlantic** and **East North Central** regions were closest to the national average of all regions.
- Relatively low rates exist in the **New England**, **Mountain**, and **West North Central** regions. Rates in the mountain region have moved from below the national average to slightly above in recent years.

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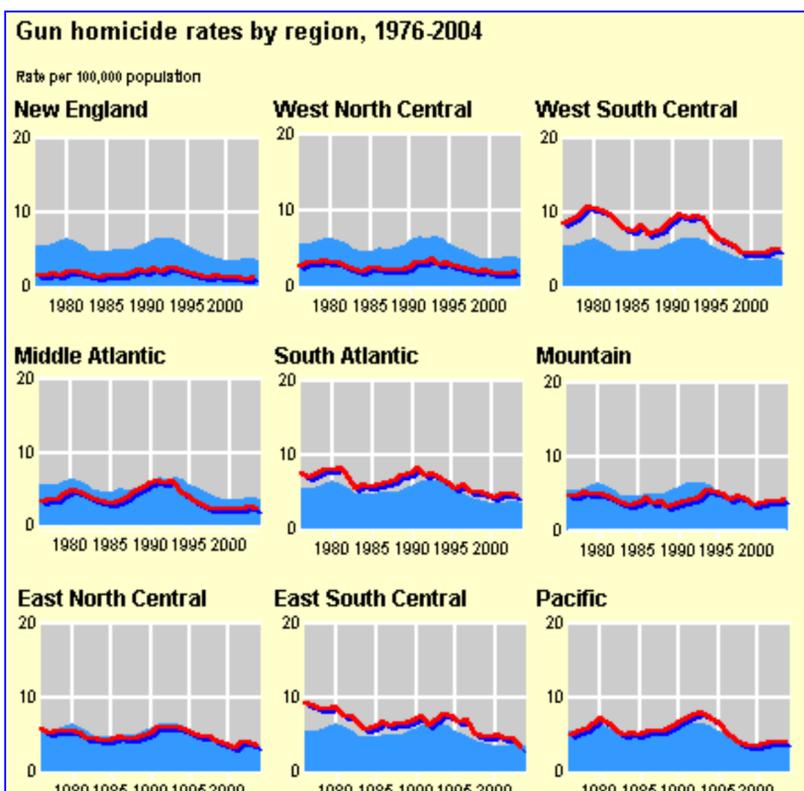


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Trends in gun homicides follow patterns similar to those for all homicides

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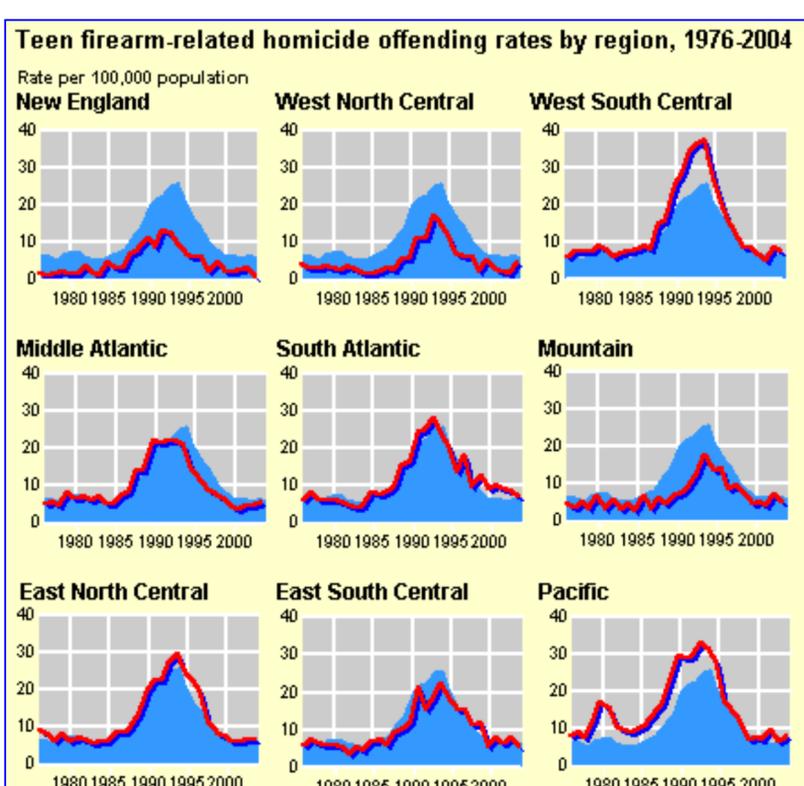
In many regions, trends in firearms-related homicide offending rates for teens differ from the general homicide offending pattern

For all regions, teen firearms-related homicide offending rates climbed in the late 1980's and have subsequently fallen. However, the upswing and subsequent downturn occurred at different times in different regions.

Teen offending rates started their steep ascents after--

- 1984 in the Middle Atlantic and Pacific regions
- 1985 in the East North Central region
- 1986 in the South Atlantic region
- 1987 in the New England, East South Central, and West South Central regions
- 1988 in the West North Central region
- 1989 in the Mountain region

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Note: The solid area (in blue) represents the trend for the entire United States while the lines (in red) are the trends for each region.

States in the regions listed above:

Region	States
New England	Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont
Middle Atlantic	New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania
East North Central	Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, Wisconsin
West North Central	Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota
South Atlantic	Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Maryland, North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia
East South Central	Alabama, Kentucky, Mississippi, Tennessee
West South Central	Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Texas
Mountain	Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah, Wyoming
Pacific	Alaska, California, Hawaii, Oregon, Washington

Source: FBI, Supplementary Homicide Reports, 1976-2004.
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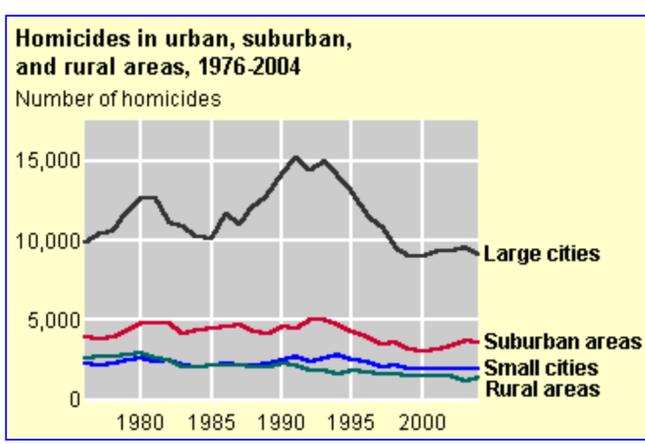


Changes in homicide trends have been driven by changes in the number of homicides in large American cities

From 1976-2004 --

- over half of the homicides occurred in cities with a population of 100,000 or more
- almost one-quarter of the homicides occurred in cities with a population of over 1 million.

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Note: Large cities have a population of 100,000 or more while small cities have a population of less than 100,000.

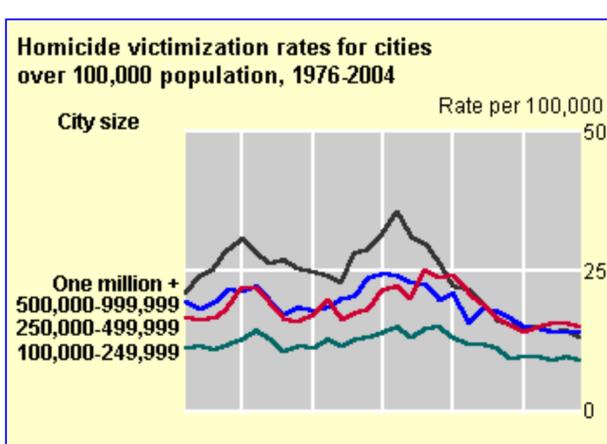
Until recently, homicide rates for large American cities varied by size

The homicide victimization rates of cities with a population of --

- one million or more have plummeted, reaching the lowest level in the past two decades
- 100,000 to 249,000 are the lowest rates among large cities.

Since 2000, the rates of homicide for cities in all groups of more than 250,000 population were about the same.

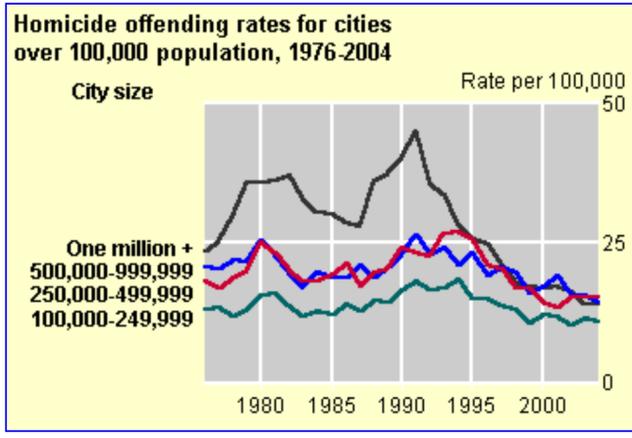
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Trends in homicide offending rates of cities show patterns similar to their victimization rates

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Certain homicide types vary by size of place

For the years 1976-2004 combined, large cities are -

- much more commonly the site of drug-related and gang-related killings
- relatively less likely to be the location of family-related and work-related homicides.

Homicide Type by Urbanicity, 1976-2004

	Percent of all homicides			
	Large city	Small city	Suburban	Rural
All homicides	57.3%	11.5%	21.0%	10.2%
Victim/offender relationship				
Intimate	40.8%	14.4%	27.9%	16.9%
Family	38.8%	13.1%	29.0%	19.1%
Infanticide	48.0%	14.9%	25.5%	11.6%
Eldercide	47.1%	13.5%	24.1%	15.3%
Circumstance				
Felony murder	61.1%	11.0%	20.2%	7.7%
Sex related	48.4%	12.2%	27.2%	12.1%
Drug related	67.6%	9.8%	18.1%	4.5%
Gang related	69.5%	13.0%	16.7%	0.7%
Argument	53.4%	12.7%	21.0%	13.0%
Workplace	31.7%	13.5%	36.8%	18.0%
Weapon				
Gun homicide	59.2%	10.5%	19.8%	10.5%
Arson	55.1%	12.9%	21.7%	10.3%
Poison	38.8%	15.3%	29.8%	16.2%
Multiple victims or offenders				
Multiple victims	47.4%	11.7%	27.1%	13.8%
Multiple offenders	61.8%	10.1%	19.1%	9.0%

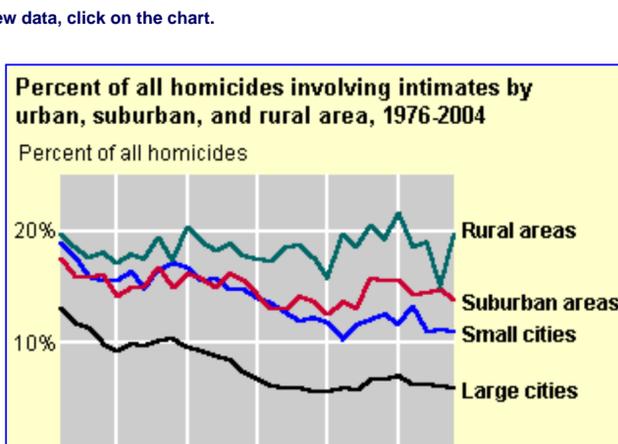
The proportion of homicides that are intimate homicides differs by area

Intimate homicides (spouses, ex-spouses, boyfriends, and girlfriends) made up a larger percentage of murders in rural areas than in suburban or urban areas.

Intimate homicides declined in all types of places. From 1976 to 2004, the number of intimate murders --

- in large cities fell by more than half, while the number of nonintimate murders was about the same
- in small cities dropped by half, although the number of nonintimate homicides increased slightly
- in rural areas dropped by 48%, while nonintimate homicides dropped by 58%
- in suburban areas declined by 27%, exceeding the 3% drop in nonintimate homicides.

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Note: Large cities have a population of 100,000 or more while small cities have a population of less than 100,000.

Source: FBI, Supplementary Homicide Reports, 1976-2004. See also [Additional information about the data.](#)

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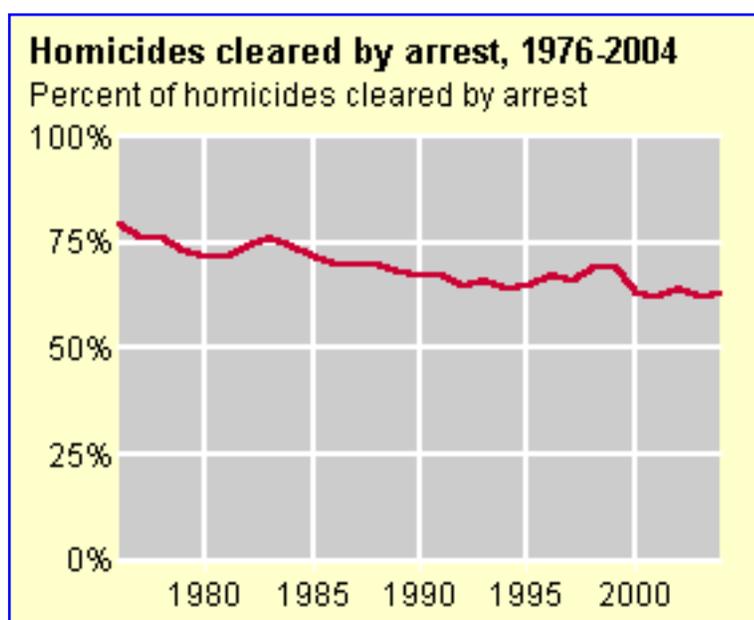
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The percentage of homicides cleared by arrest has been declining

- In 2004, 63% of all homicides were cleared compared to 79% in 1976
- Homicide has the highest clearance rate of all serious crimes

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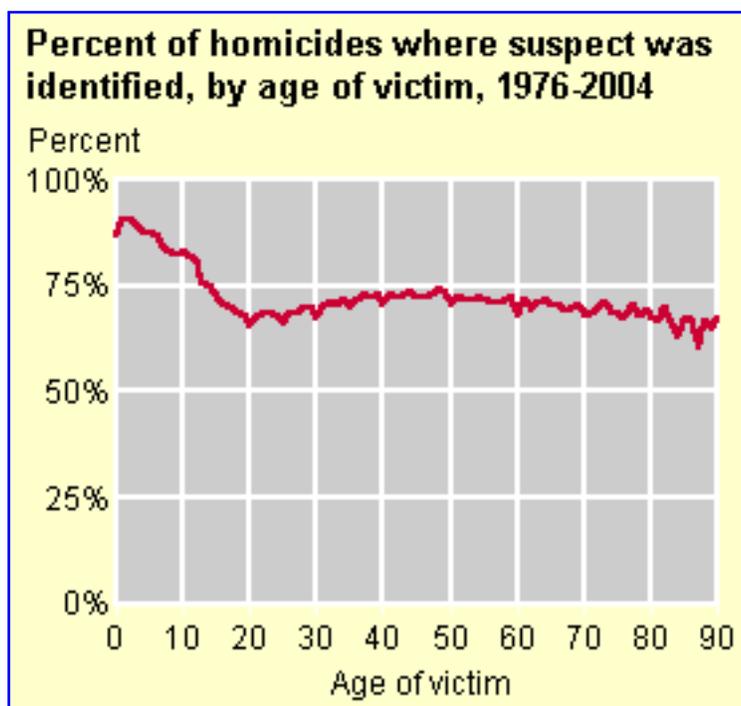


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Note: Law enforcement agencies clear or solve an offense when at least one person is arrested, charged with the commission of the offense, and turned over to the court for prosecution. Law enforcement agencies may also clear a crime by exceptional means such as when an identified offender is killed during apprehension or commits suicide.

Police are more likely to identify a suspect if the victim is a child

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Source: FBI, Supplementary Homicide Reports, 1976-2004.
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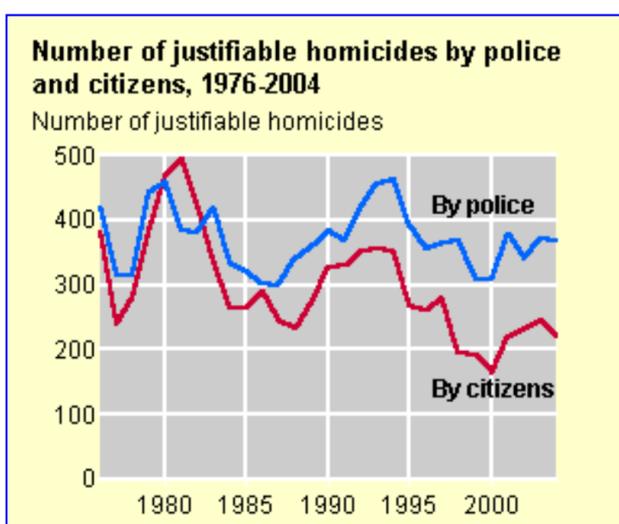
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Homicide trends in the U.S.
Justifiable homicides

The number of justifiable homicides has been declining

- Generally, the number of justifiable homicides committed by police exceeded the number committed by citizens.
- In the last 10 years, the number of justifiable homicides has declined 11%.

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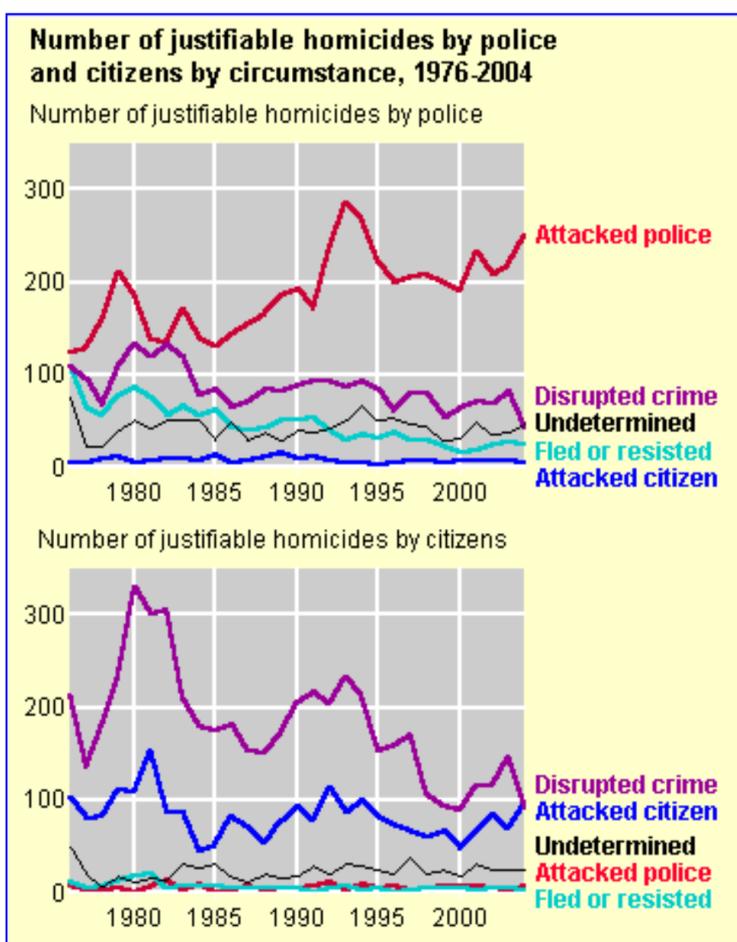
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Note: Justifiable homicides are defined as the killing of a felon by a law enforcement officer in the line of duty or the killing of a felon during the commission of a felony by a private citizen.

The circumstances surrounding justifiable homicides differ for those committed by police and those committed by citizens.

- Most justifiable homicides by police are the result of attacks on officers.
- The most frequent circumstance cited for justifiable homicides by citizens is to disrupt a crime while in progress.

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Most justifiable homicides are intraracial

- In incidents involving citizens, three-quarters involved citizens and felons of the same race.
- In incidents involving police, two-thirds involved police officers and felons of the same race.

Percent of justifiable homicides

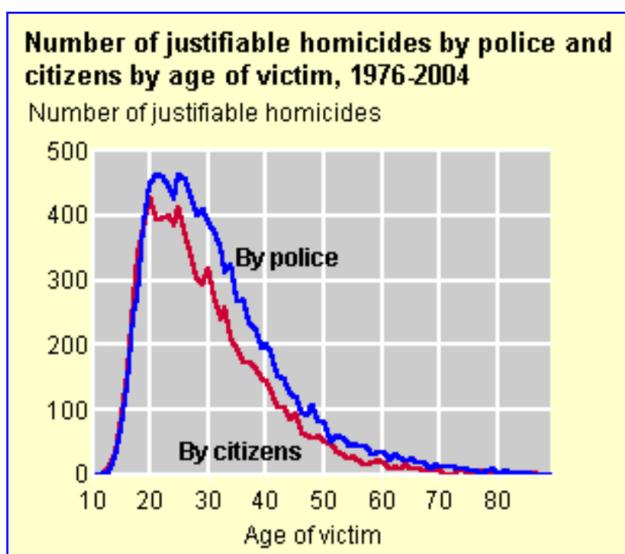
Race of citizen who killed felon				
Race of felon	White	Black	Other	Total
White	36 %	3 %	1 %	40 %
Black	17	40	1	59
Other	1	0	1	1
Total	54	43	3	100

Race of officer who killed felon				
Race of felon	White	Black	Other	Total
White	55 %	3 %	--	58 %
Black	28	11	--	40
Other	2	0	--	2
Total	85	14	1 %	100

-- Less than 0.5%

The age distribution of the felons killed by police is slightly older than that for felons killed by citizens

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Data Sources

The FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting Program (UCR)

Launched over 70 years ago, the Uniform Crime Reporting Program collects and publishes criminal offense, arrest, and law enforcement personnel statistics. Under the UCR program, law enforcement agencies submit information to the FBI monthly. Offense information is collected on the eight Index offenses of homicide, forcible rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny-theft, motor vehicle theft, and arson. Information on the the number of persons arrested includes many additional crime types such as drug abuse violations and driving under the influence. The FBI annually publishes data from the UCR in *Crime in the United States*. The UCR is one of the two major national indicators about crime. For more information about these two indicators, see *The Nation's Two Crime Measures*.

The UCR program collects only those data which come to the attention of law enforcement through victim reports or observation. Of all the crimes included in the UCR, homicide is the most complete. Homicide counts suffer from a minimal level of underreporting. In addition, the number of crimes where law enforcement makes an arrest or clears the offense is the highest for homicide compared to the other serious offenses collected by the UCR. Other offenses including forcible rape, robbery and aggravated assault are currently available only in summary count form without details about the incident, victims, or offenders. Homicide information -- through the Supplementary Homicide Reports data -- is available in incident form.

FBI's Supplementary Homicide Reports (SHR)

Most of the data used here are from the Supplementary Homicide Reports which is a part of the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) program. Supplemental data about homicide incidents are submitted monthly with detail on location, victim, and offender characteristics. These reports include information on the month and year of an offense, on the reporting agency and its residential population, county and Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSA) codes, geographic division, and population group, on the age, race, and sex of victims and offenders, and on the victim/offender relationship, weapon use, and circumstance of the crime. For the years 1976-2004, contributing agencies provided supplemental data for 523,329 of the estimated 577,574 murders. Supplemental data were also reported for 580,307 of the estimated 640,722 offenders.

Law Enforcement Officers Killed and Assaulted (LEOKA)

Also a part of the FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting Program, LEOKA utilizes data from several sources including the Uniform Crime Reports. Once notified of a line-of-duty death, the FBI contacts the employing agency to obtain additional details. LEOKA includes data about Federal, State, and local law enforcement officers who were killed feloniously or by accidents or who were assaulted. An **annual report** is published by the FBI.

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Methodology

Homicide as defined here includes murder and nonnegligent manslaughter which is the willful killing of one human being by another. The general analyses excluded deaths caused by negligence, suicide, or accident; justifiable homicides; and attempts to murder. Justifiable homicides based on the reports of law enforcement agencies are analyzed separately. Deaths from the terrorist attacks of 9/11/01 are not included in any of the analyses although they are available on the data file on which the analyses are based. These data are based solely on police investigation, as opposed to the determination of a court, medical examiner, coroner, jury, or other judicial body.

Not all agencies which report offense information to the FBI also submit supplemental data on homicides. About 91% of homicides reported in the UCR are included in the SHR. To account for the total number of homicides, this analysis weighted the SHR data to match national and State estimates prepared by the FBI. All victim-based analyses are adjusted in this manner.

While many agencies report supplemental data on homicides, much of the data concerning offenders may not be reported because no suspects were identified. The most significant problem in using SHR data to analyze offender characteristics is the sizable and growing number of unsolved homicides contained in the data file. Ignoring unsolved homicides, of course, would seriously understate calculated rates of offending by particular subgroups of the population, distort trends over time among these same subgroups, and bias observed patterns of offending to the extent that the rate of missing offender data is associated with offender characteristics.

To adjust for unsolved homicides, a method for offender imputation has been devised, using available information about the victims murdered in both solved and unsolved homicides. Through this imputation algorithm, the demographic characteristics of unidentified offenders are inferred on the basis of similar homicide cases -- similar in terms of the victim's demographic profile, circumstances of the homicide such as felony or argument, location of the homicide (region and urbaness), gun involvement, and year of the offense -- that had been solved. In other words, offender profiles for unsolved crimes are estimated based on the offender profiles in solved cases matched on victim age, sex, and race; circumstances of the homicide; location of the homicide; and gun involvement; as well as year. All offender-based estimates were imputed using this procedure.

[▶ To more detail on the weighting and imputation procedures](#)

The data file analyzed is available from the [National Archive of Criminal Justice Data](#) (NACJD).

To analyze these data online, go to the [NACJD Data Analysis System](#).

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Related sites

Bureau of Justice Statistics

- [Homicide Trends and Characteristics](#) by State and local agency for jurisdictions with more than 250,000 population data is available from [Data Online](#).
- [Crime and Victims Page](#)
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- [Trends in Juvenile Violence](#) including 1997 update by James Alan Fox, Professor of Criminal Justice, Northeastern University
- [Bridging Gaps in Police Crime Data](#) a discussion paper on the FBI's UCR program including the SHR prepared by Michael D. Maltz, University of Illinois at Chicago under the BJS Visiting Fellows Program
- [Policing and Homicide, 1976-98: Justifiable Homicide of Felons by Police and Murder of Police by Felons](#) presents annual trends from 1976 to 1998 in two types of homicide: justifiable homicides of felons by police, and murders of police officers by felons.

Federal Bureau of Investigation - Uniform Crime Reports

[National Institute of Justice - Homicide in Eight U.S. Cities](#) (Acrobat file)

[Statistical Briefing Book](#) from the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

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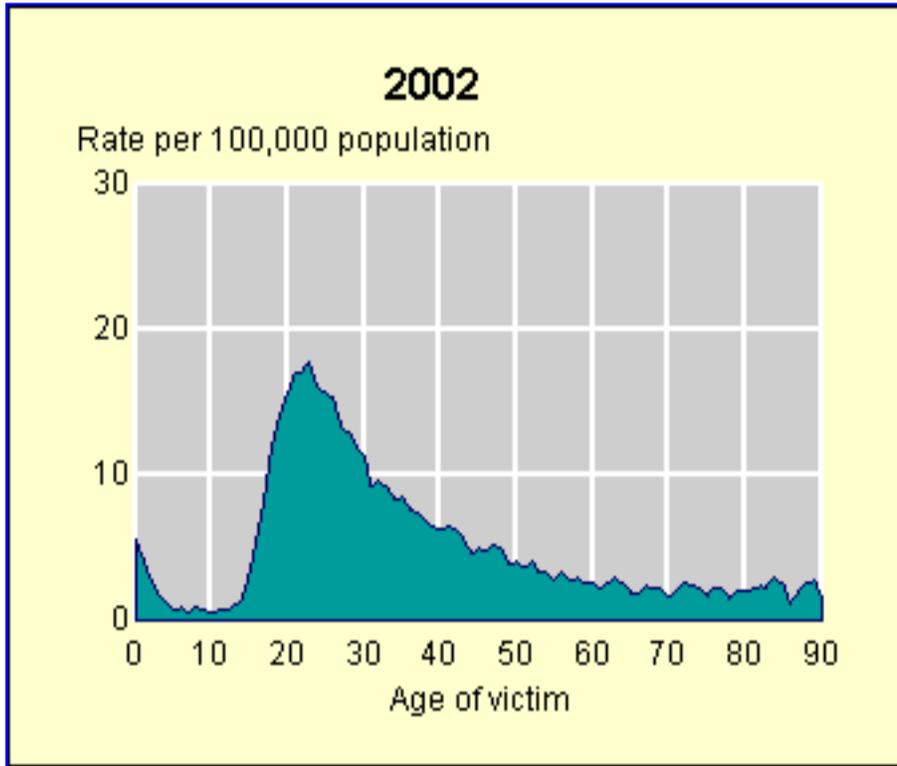
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In general -

- homicide victimization rates are higher for very young children than older children who have the lowest rates of all age groups
- older teens and young adults have the highest rates of victimization
- after age 25, victimization rates decline with age

In the mid 1980's, the pattern in homicide victimization rates by age changed as the rates for teens and young adults increased rapidly. By 1991, the rates for older teens and those in their early 20's greatly exceeded those for all other age groups. Since 1993, victimization rates have shown a similar pattern by age despite declines in the rates.

Source: FBI, Supplementary Homicide Reports, 1976-2002

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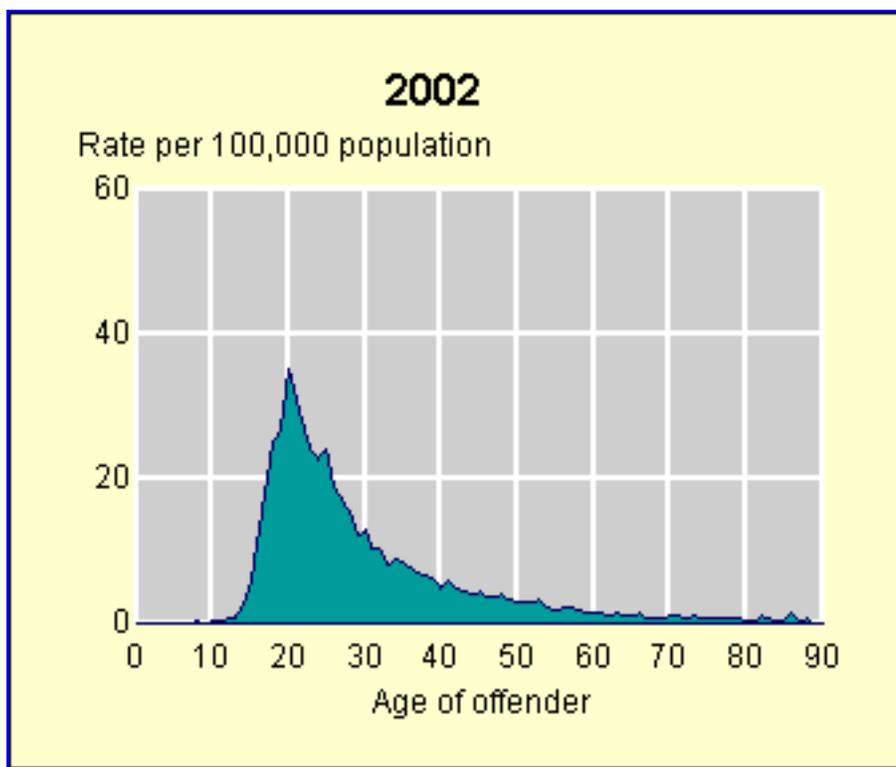
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In general -

- older teens have the highest offending rates of all age groups
- after the teenage years, the rates decline with age

In the mid 1980's the rates for teens and young adults increased rapidly until after 1993 when the rates began to decline. Throughout the entire period, the rates for older teens and young adults have been the highest of all ages.

Source: FBI, Supplementary Homicide Reports, 1976-2002

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Homicide victimization, 1950-2004

Year	Homicide rate per 100,000 population	Estimated number of homicides
1950	4.6	7,020
1951	4.4	6,820
1952	4.6	7,210
1953	4.5	7,210
1954	4.2	6,850
1955	4.1	6,850
1956	4.1	6,970
1957	4.0	8,060
1958	4.8	8,220
1959	4.9	8,580
1960	5.1	9,110
1961	4.8	8,740
1962	4.6	8,530
1963	4.6	8,640
1964	4.9	9,360
1965	5.1	9,960
1966	5.6	11,040
1967	6.2	12,240
1968	6.9	13,800
1969	7.3	14,760
1970	7.9	16,000
1971	8.6	17,780
1972	9.0	18,670
1973	9.4	19,640
1974	9.8	20,710
1975	9.6	20,510
1976	8.8	18,780
1977	8.8	19,120
1978	9.0	19,560
1979	9.7	21,460
1980	10.2	23,040
1981	9.8	22,520
1982	9.1	21,010
1983	8.3	19,308
1984	7.9	18,692
1985	7.9	18,976
1986	8.6	20,613
1987	8.3	20,096
1988	8.4	20,675
1989	8.7	21,500
1990	9.4	23,438
1991	9.8	24,703
1992	9.3	23,760
1993	9.5	24,526
1994	9.0	23,326
1995	8.2	21,606
1996	7.4	19,645
1997	6.8	18,208
1998	6.3	16,974
1999	5.7	15,522
2000	5.5	15,586
2001	5.6	16,039
2002	5.6	16,229
2003	5.7	16,582
2004	5.5	16,137

Source: FBI, Uniform Crime Reports, 1950-2004

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	Under 14	14-17	18-24	25-34	35-49	50+
1976	1.8	4.5	13.8	15.4	12.6	6.8
1977	1.9	4.9	14.3	15.5	12.3	6.6
1978	1.9	5.1	14.6	16.1	12.2	6.3
1979	1.8	5.2	16.5	17.5	12.8	6.7
1980	1.8	5.9	17.5	18.5	13.2	6.8
1981	1.9	5.0	16.0	17.5	13.0	6.7
1982	2.0	4.8	15.0	15.7	11.8	6.2
1983	1.8	4.5	13.8	14.6	10.5	5.5
1984	1.7	4.2	13.2	13.8	10.0	5.1
1985	1.8	4.9	13.2	13.9	9.9	5.0
1986	2.0	5.2	15.3	15.2	10.1	5.0
1987	1.8	5.8	15.5	14.7	9.4	4.9
1988	2.0	6.5	16.4	15.3	9.2	4.7
1989	2.1	7.9	18.2	15.6	9.2	4.6
1990	2.0	9.7	21.1	16.7	9.9	4.4
1991	2.1	11.1	23.9	16.7	10.0	4.5
1992	2.0	11.3	23.4	16.1	9.4	4.2
1993	2.2	12.1	24.4	16.1	9.5	4.2
1994	2.0	11.2	23.6	15.4	8.9	3.8
1995	1.9	11.0	21.5	13.8	8.2	3.8
1996	1.9	9.1	19.5	12.4	7.7	3.4
1997	1.7	7.3	19.1	11.4	6.8	3.2
1998	1.7	6.2	17.5	10.7	6.5	2.8
1999	1.6	5.9	15.4	9.9	5.9	2.6
2000	1.4	4.8	15.0	10.3	5.7	2.5
2001	1.5	4.6	15.4	10.7	5.6	2.6
2002	1.5	4.5	15.3	11.0	5.7	2.5
2003	1.4	4.3	15.7	11.3	5.7	2.6
2004	1.4	4.6	14.3	11.1	5.6	2.6

Homicide Victims by Age

	Under 14	14-17	18-24	25-34	35-49	50+
1976	872	757	3,861	4,918	4,390	3,737
1977	885	807	4,064	5,128	4,322	3,672
1978	894	833	4,192	5,449	4,365	3,565
1979	846	844	4,785	6,109	4,648	3,834
1980	863	950	5,146	6,845	4,885	3,957
1981	894	796	4,768	6,802	4,835	4,010
1982	945	743	4,438	6,189	4,625	3,739
1983	858	678	4,043	5,857	4,261	3,311
1984	833	630	3,842	5,634	4,210	3,112
1985	857	716	3,796	5,808	4,302	3,086
1986	961	758	4,335	6,445	4,521	3,105
1987	880	834	4,289	6,289	4,376	3,059
1988	1,003	934	4,438	6,605	4,433	2,933
1989	1,023	1,131	4,834	6,740	4,591	2,889
1990	999	1,296	5,650	7,215	5,085	2,829
1991	1,087	1,487	6,304	7,178	5,314	2,901
1992	1,026	1,537	6,055	6,856	5,217	2,741
1993	1,167	1,674	6,364	6,903	5,292	2,798
1994	1,088	1,575	6,099	6,500	5,092	2,570
1995	1,028	1,595	5,455	5,755	4,827	2,586
1996	1,050	1,354	4,885	5,069	4,658	2,351
1997	943	1,115	4,720	4,619	4,233	2,231
1998	959	967	4,331	4,253	4,074	2,026
1999	882	915	3,901	3,868	3,763	1,936
2000	814	767	3,950	4,009	3,770	1,958
2001	887	753	4,172	4,116	3,750	2,027
2002	838	732	4,232	4,193	3,828	2,047
2003	815	713	4,427	4,292	3,839	2,138
2004	788	772	4,082	4,206	3,754	2,240

Source: FBI, Supplementary Homicide Reports, 1976-2004.

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	Under 14	14-17	18-24	25-34	35-49	50+
1976	.2	11.4	22.8	19.4	10.7	3.7
1977	.2	10.7	22.8	18.6	10.9	3.7
1978	.3	10.5	24.0	18.9	10.9	3.5
1979	.2	12.4	26.8	20.4	11.3	3.7
1980	.2	13.0	30.0	22.6	12.8	3.6
1981	.2	12.1	26.6	20.2	12.3	3.5
1982	.2	11.1	25.1	19.1	10.8	3.1
1983	.2	10.2	23.0	17.4	9.8	2.7
1984	.2	9.2	22.2	16.9	9.1	2.8
1985	.2	10.6	22.2	16.0	9.1	2.8
1986	.2	12.7	24.4	17.5	9.4	2.7
1987	.2	12.9	25.2	16.2	8.8	2.7
1988	.2	16.8	27.9	16.3	8.6	2.6
1989	.3	18.5	31.6	16.5	8.0	2.3
1990	.2	25.7	36.1	17.4	8.2	2.3
1991	.3	28.1	42.7	18.0	7.5	2.1
1992	.3	28.0	39.5	16.4	7.2	2.1
1993	.3	31.3	42.8	15.6	7.0	2.2
1994	.4	31.2	40.8	14.9	6.8	1.8
1995	.3	25.1	37.8	13.9	6.4	1.8
1996	.2	21.0	36.9	12.8	5.8	1.7
1997	.2	17.5	34.0	12.3	5.2	1.7
1998	.2	13.7	31.8	12.0	5.3	1.5
1999	.2	11.1	28.5	10.9	4.7	1.5
2000	.1	9.5	28.1	11.5	4.8	1.4
2001	.1	9.3	28.4	12.1	4.8	1.3
2002	.1	9.0	26.9	12.8	4.9	1.3
2003	.1	8.8	26.7	12.7	5.0	1.4
2004	.1	9.1	25.2	12.6	5.0	1.4

Homicide Offenders by Age

	Under 14	14-17	18-24	25-34	35-49	50+
1976	107	1,903	6,381	6,206	3,712	2,044
1977	104	1,772	6,461	6,143	3,830	2,078
1978	124	1,710	6,880	6,389	3,905	1,975
1979	94	1,997	7,754	7,117	4,108	2,117
1980	111	2,087	8,840	8,351	4,723	2,089
1981	86	1,939	7,945	7,841	4,597	2,068
1982	94	1,733	7,433	7,533	4,233	1,854
1983	84	1,557	6,755	7,003	3,980	1,629
1984	73	1,359	6,460	6,927	3,807	1,710
1985	97	1,546	6,386	6,683	3,945	1,714
1986	98	1,852	6,911	7,424	4,227	1,667
1987	118	1,866	6,977	6,959	4,113	1,669
1988	106	2,420	7,547	7,024	4,122	1,613
1989	129	2,635	8,380	7,112	4,003	1,448
1990	100	3,427	9,691	7,523	4,242	1,481
1991	142	3,776	11,248	7,717	4,007	1,378
1992	150	3,825	10,248	6,977	3,959	1,389
1993	167	4,318	11,183	6,658	3,890	1,420
1994	209	4,383	10,523	6,296	3,870	1,208
1995	150	3,655	9,598	5,787	3,766	1,254
1996	99	3,124	9,239	5,258	3,524	1,165
1997	105	2,679	8,398	5,000	3,258	1,164
1998	105	2,130	7,881	4,791	3,326	1,088
1999	91	1,734	7,198	4,259	3,019	1,100
2000	73	1,532	7,409	4,493	3,150	1,084
2001	52	1,512	7,699	4,662	3,196	1,044
2002	66	1,478	7,446	4,879	3,286	1,094
2003	79	1,474	7,518	4,813	3,375	1,155
2004	83	1,545	7,221	4,752	3,381	1,216

Source: FBI, Supplementary Homicide Reports, 1976-2004.

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	Victims	Offenders
1976	35.2 yrs.	30.3 yrs.
1977	34.7	30.5
1978	34.3	30.2
1979	34.4	29.9
1980	34.1	29.6
1981	34.4	30.0
1982	34.4	29.9
1983	34.3	29.9
1984	34.3	30.3
1985	34.1	30.2
1986	33.5	29.8
1987	33.6	29.8
1988	33.0	29.1
1989	32.5	28.3
1990	32.0	27.7
1991	31.6	26.9
1992	31.7	27.0
1993	31.4	26.6
1994	31.3	26.4
1995	31.6	27.0
1996	31.6	27.0
1997	31.9	27.3
1998	31.7	27.7
1999	32.0	28.1
2000	32.2	28.2
2001	32.0	28.0
2002	32.2	28.4
2003	32.3	28.6
2004	32.6	28.8

Source: FBI, Supplementary Homicide Reports, 1976-2004.

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Victims who knew the offender by victim age

Age	Known		Stranger/Unsolved	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
0	6,224	85.8%	1,027	14.2%
1	3,653	86.7%	560	13.3%
2	2,886	86.0%	469	14.0%
3	1,704	81.4%	389	18.6%
4	1,172	79.4%	305	20.6%
5	853	78.0%	240	22.0%
6	644	73.1%	237	26.9%
7	601	72.4%	228	27.6%
8	558	71.0%	228	29.0%
9	514	66.9%	255	33.1%
10	504	67.1%	247	32.9%
11	498	64.0%	280	36.0%
12	705	63.3%	409	36.7%
13	938	58.7%	659	41.3%
14	1,622	55.3%	1,311	44.7%
15	2,599	50.3%	2,565	49.7%
16	3,941	47.4%	4,366	52.6%
17	5,723	46.7%	6,536	53.3%
18	7,261	45.7%	8,616	54.3%
19	8,715	45.5%	10,434	54.5%
20	8,902	44.0%	11,321	56.0%
21	9,247	45.9%	10,908	54.1%
22	9,468	46.4%	10,949	53.6%
23	9,602	47.8%	10,482	52.2%
24	9,322	47.7%	10,231	52.3%
25	9,594	45.7%	11,410	54.3%
26	9,162	48.9%	9,578	51.1%
27	8,718	48.8%	9,134	51.2%
28	8,464	50.3%	8,367	49.7%
29	8,409	50.7%	8,173	49.3%
30	8,578	48.7%	9,053	51.3%
31	7,491	52.1%	6,887	47.9%
32	7,673	52.6%	6,911	47.4%
33	6,925	52.6%	6,246	47.4%
34	7,018	53.7%	6,058	46.3%
35	6,913	51.4%	6,541	48.6%
36	6,117	53.3%	5,352	46.7%
37	6,038	55.8%	4,789	44.2%
38	5,808	55.1%	4,739	44.9%
39	5,513	55.5%	4,424	44.5%
40	5,452	52.5%	4,934	47.5%
41	4,731	54.9%	3,889	45.1%
42	4,816	54.6%	4,011	45.4%
43	4,198	54.9%	3,456	45.1%
44	3,962	56.2%	3,085	43.8%
45	3,944	54.2%	3,332	45.8%
46	3,443	54.0%	2,930	46.0%
47	3,366	55.2%	2,730	44.8%
48	3,070	56.5%	2,368	43.5%
49	2,960	55.8%	2,348	44.2%
50	3,035	53.0%	2,688	47.0%
51	2,376	53.3%	2,085	46.7%
52	2,482	53.4%	2,170	46.6%
53	2,207	52.6%	1,986	47.4%
54	2,248	55.7%	1,786	44.3%
55	2,102	53.6%	1,819	46.4%
56	1,887	52.8%	1,689	47.2%
57	1,804	53.5%	1,565	46.5%
58	1,625	55.0%	1,327	45.0%
59	1,518	52.8%	1,358	47.2%
60	1,536	49.5%	1,565	50.5%
61	1,354	51.7%	1,267	48.3%
62	1,423	50.6%	1,390	49.4%
63	1,295	52.6%	1,165	47.4%
64	1,117	52.1%	1,026	47.9%
65	1,296	52.3%	1,183	47.7%
66	940	52.3%	857	47.7%
67	1,022	51.0%	982	49.0%
68	930	51.7%	871	48.3%
69	865	51.7%	808	48.3%
70	887	49.0%	924	51.0%
71	752	50.1%	749	49.9%
72	823	49.2%	851	50.8%
73	708	51.7%	663	48.3%
74	700	50.9%	676	49.1%
75	712	51.8%	661	48.2%
76	578	48.3%	619	51.7%
77	553	49.8%	556	50.2%
78	513	49.0%	533	51.0%
79	497	47.3%	555	52.7%
80	492	48.1%	530	51.9%
81	369	43.2%	485	56.8%
82	407	49.2%	420	50.8%
83	310	44.6%	385	55.4%
84	281	44.8%	346	55.2%
85	253	43.5%	328	56.5%
86	252	46.4%	292	53.6%
87	172	41.9%	239	58.1%
88	138	39.2%	215	60.8%
89	109	40.3%	162	59.7%
90	109	41.6%	154	58.4%

Source: FBI, Supplementary Homicide Reports, 1976-2004.

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Note: The victims of the 9/11/01 terrorist attacks are not included in this analysis.

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Homicide
Victimization
Rates per 100,000
Population by
Gender

	Male	Female
1976	13.6	4.2
1977	13.7	4.2
1978	14.0	4.1
1979	15.4	4.4
1980	16.2	4.5
1981	15.6	4.3
1982	14.1	4.3
1983	12.8	3.9
1984	12.1	3.9
1985	12.2	4.0
1986	13.2	4.1
1987	12.6	4.2
1988	12.9	4.2
1989	13.6	4.0
1990	15.0	4.0
1991	15.7	4.2
1992	14.9	4.0
1993	15.0	4.2
1994	14.4	3.8
1995	12.9	3.7
1996	11.7	3.3
1997	10.7	3.0
1998	9.7	3.0
1999	8.8	2.7
2000	8.6	2.6
2001	8.8	2.6
2002	8.8	2.6
2003	9.0	2.5
2004	8.7	2.4

**Homicide Victims
by Gender**

	Male	Female
1976	14,171	4,590
1977	14,397	4,710
1978	14,895	4,642
1979	16,428	5,017
1980	17,788	5,232
1981	17,405	5,096
1982	15,902	5,093
1983	14,588	4,703
1984	13,910	4,741
1985	14,079	4,880
1986	15,471	5,109
1987	14,811	5,268
1988	15,414	5,238
1989	16,407	5,085
1990	18,304	5,115
1991	19,270	5,394
1992	18,513	5,217
1993	18,937	5,550
1994	18,294	5,007
1995	16,552	5,022
1996	15,153	4,469
1997	14,057	4,125
1998	12,753	4,139
1999	11,704	3,800
2000	11,818	3,733
2001	12,232	3,775
2002	12,410	3,764
2003	12,804	3,693
2004	12,556	3,541

Source: FBI, Supplementary Homicide Reports, 1976-2004.

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	Male	Female
1976	16.3	3.0
1977	16.3	2.9
1978	16.9	2.7
1979	18.6	2.9
1980	20.6	3.1
1981	19.0	2.8
1982	17.6	2.6
1983	16.0	2.4
1984	15.4	2.2
1985	15.3	2.1
1986	16.7	2.2
1987	16.2	2.1
1988	17.0	2.0
1989	17.6	2.0
1990	19.6	2.0
1991	20.8	2.1
1992	19.4	1.8
1993	20.0	1.8
1994	19.0	1.8
1995	17.3	1.5
1996	15.6	1.6
1997	14.3	1.4
1998	13.2	1.4
1999	11.8	1.2
2000	11.6	1.2
2001	11.8	1.2
2002	11.7	1.2
2003	11.7	1.2
2004	11.5	1.2

Homicide Offenders by Gender

	Male	Female
1976	17,056	3,296
1977	17,162	3,226
1978	17,907	3,075
1979	19,954	3,231
1980	22,601	3,600
1981	21,204	3,271
1982	19,764	3,116
1983	18,139	2,869
1984	17,639	2,698
1985	17,757	2,614
1986	19,461	2,717
1987	19,112	2,592
1988	20,285	2,547
1989	21,124	2,584
1990	23,860	2,604
1991	25,617	2,651
1992	24,190	2,358
1993	25,200	2,437
1994	24,149	2,341
1995	22,232	1,979
1996	20,270	2,140
1997	18,659	1,945
1998	17,378	1,942
1999	15,674	1,728
2000	16,032	1,708
2001	16,459	1,707
2002	16,543	1,706
2003	16,639	1,774
2004	16,458	1,738

Source: FBI, Supplementary Homicide Reports, 1976-2004.

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Victimization Rates
per 100,000
Population by Race**

	White	Black	Other
1976	5.1	37.1	4.9
1977	5.4	36.2	4.7
1978	5.6	35.1	4.0
1979	6.1	37.5	4.1
1980	6.3	37.7	5.7
1981	6.2	36.4	6.1
1982	5.9	32.3	6.5
1983	5.3	29.4	6.4
1984	5.2	27.2	5.5
1985	5.2	27.6	5.5
1986	5.4	31.5	6.2
1987	5.1	30.7	5.2
1988	4.9	33.5	4.0
1989	5.0	35.1	4.3
1990	5.4	37.6	4.2
1991	5.5	39.3	6.0
1992	5.3	37.2	5.4
1993	5.3	38.7	5.5
1994	5.0	36.4	4.6
1995	4.8	31.6	4.9
1996	4.3	28.3	4.1
1997	3.9	26.0	4.1
1998	3.8	23.0	2.9
1999	3.5	20.5	3.3
2000	3.3	20.5	2.7
2001	3.4	20.4	2.8
2002	3.3	20.8	2.7
2003	3.4	20.9	2.8
2004	3.3	19.7	2.4

**Homicide Victims by
Race**

	White	Black	Other
1976	9,585	8,745	238
1977	10,041	8,669	236
1978	10,568	8,572	207
1979	11,625	9,311	215
1980	12,275	9,767	327
1981	12,163	9,862	348
1982	11,644	8,880	399
1983	10,604	8,201	417
1984	10,490	7,678	377
1985	10,590	7,891	399
1986	10,916	9,107	484
1987	10,526	9,000	424
1988	10,184	9,959	344
1989	10,325	10,566	390
1990	11,279	11,488	400
1991	11,661	12,226	608
1992	11,229	11,777	573
1993	11,278	12,435	601
1994	10,773	11,856	526
1995	10,376	10,444	581
1996	9,483	9,476	512
1997	8,620	8,842	524
1998	8,389	7,931	393
1999	7,777	7,139	458
2000	7,560	7,425	399
2001	7,884	7,522	424
2002	7,784	7,758	437
2003	7,932	7,893	468
2004	7,939	7,557	417

Source: FBI, Supplementary Homicide Reports, 1976-2004.

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Rates per 100,000
Population by Race**

	White	Black	Other
1976	4.9	46.6	4.6
1977	5.1	44.4	4.8
1978	5.3	44.6	3.8
1979	5.8	47.6	5.0
1980	6.4	51.4	7.0
1981	6.0	45.8	6.4
1982	5.6	41.2	6.4
1983	5.3	36.3	6.2
1984	5.3	33.1	5.3
1985	5.1	34.0	5.8
1986	5.3	37.9	6.0
1987	5.2	36.6	5.0
1988	4.9	41.2	4.5
1989	5.1	42.0	4.7
1990	5.6	46.6	4.2
1991	5.6	51.4	5.4
1992	5.2	47.0	5.7
1993	5.2	49.2	5.6
1994	5.1	45.4	5.1
1995	4.9	39.3	5.4
1996	4.5	35.8	4.8
1997	4.1	32.2	4.5
1998	4.2	27.8	3.9
1999	3.6	25.4	3.9
2000	3.5	25.6	3.3
2001	3.6	25.6	3.0
2002	3.6	25.0	2.9
2003	3.5	25.3	3.4
2004	3.6	24.1	2.7

**Homicide Offenders by
Race**

	White	Black	Other
1976	9,165	10,961	226
1977	9,527	10,620	241
1978	9,919	10,870	193
1979	11,083	11,838	265
1980	12,495	13,309	396
1981	11,692	12,421	362
1982	11,160	11,326	393
1983	10,505	10,102	400
1984	10,635	9,339	363
1985	10,242	9,705	425
1986	10,747	10,963	468
1987	10,569	10,724	411
1988	10,194	12,252	385
1989	10,611	12,669	428
1990	11,825	14,235	404
1991	11,759	15,966	543
1992	11,083	14,861	604
1993	11,208	15,814	615
1994	11,101	14,803	587
1995	10,582	12,990	640
1996	9,807	12,004	599
1997	9,106	10,920	578
1998	9,235	9,567	519
1999	8,012	8,850	541
2000	8,016	9,235	490
2001	8,282	9,423	461
2002	8,478	9,308	462
2003	8,280	9,574	560
2004	8,521	9,223	453

Source: FBI, Supplementary Homicide Reports, 1976-2004.

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Percent of All Homicides by Racial Composition of Victims and Offenders

	White on White	Black on White	Other on White	White on Black	Black on Black	Other on Black	White on Other	Black on Other	Other on Other
1976	43.5%	6.0%	.3%	2.0%	47.5%	.0%	.2%	.1%	.4%
1977	44.6%	5.9%	.4%	2.4%	45.8%	.1%	.3%	.1%	.5%
1978	46.3%	6.1%	.3%	1.8%	44.8%	.0%	.3%	.0%	.3%
1979	46.0%	6.8%	.4%	2.5%	43.7%	.0%	.2%	.1%	.4%
1980	46.8%	6.4%	.3%	2.2%	43.6%	.0%	.2%	.1%	.4%
1981	46.8%	6.8%	.2%	2.5%	43.0%	.0%	.2%	.1%	.4%
1982	48.1%	6.4%	.3%	2.5%	41.7%	.0%	.3%	.1%	.5%
1983	48.7%	6.3%	.3%	2.3%	41.6%	.0%	.3%	.1%	.5%
1984	50.3%	6.2%	.3%	2.6%	39.8%	.0%	.3%	.1%	.5%
1985	49.7%	6.7%	.3%	2.7%	39.8%	.0%	.2%	.1%	.5%
1986	47.1%	6.5%	.4%	2.6%	42.6%	.1%	.3%	.0%	.6%
1987	47.3%	6.3%	.4%	2.9%	42.2%	.1%	.2%	.1%	.5%
1988	44.9%	6.6%	.4%	2.7%	44.5%	.1%	.3%	.0%	.4%
1989	43.9%	7.0%	.3%	3.1%	44.8%	.0%	.3%	.0%	.5%
1990	44.1%	6.9%	.3%	3.2%	44.8%	.0%	.3%	.1%	.4%
1991	41.5%	7.7%	.3%	3.4%	46.3%	.0%	.3%	.1%	.4%
1992	41.7%	8.5%	.3%	2.7%	46.1%	.0%	.2%	.1%	.4%
1993	41.1%	8.9%	.3%	2.7%	46.2%	.0%	.2%	.1%	.4%
1994	41.1%	8.6%	.4%	3.1%	46.1%	.0%	.3%	.1%	.3%
1995	43.8%	8.0%	.4%	3.3%	43.6%	.1%	.3%	.1%	.5%
1996	43.8%	8.4%	.4%	3.3%	43.4%	.1%	.3%	.1%	.3%
1997	43.4%	8.4%	.3%	2.9%	44.0%	.0%	.2%	.1%	.6%
1998	46.4%	7.5%	.3%	3.2%	41.6%	.1%	.3%	.1%	.5%
1999	46.0%	8.1%	.4%	2.8%	41.5%	.0%	.2%	.1%	.9%
2000	45.5%	8.2%	.3%	3.0%	42.1%	.0%	.2%	.1%	.6%
2001	46.4%	8.2%	.4%	2.8%	41.4%	.1%	.2%	.1%	.4%
2002	45.7%	8.1%	.4%	3.2%	41.6%	.1%	.2%	.2%	.5%
2003	44.7%	8.6%	.3%	3.5%	42.0%	.1%	.2%	.1%	.5%
2004	46.1%	8.5%	.4%	3.5%	40.7%	.0%	.2%	.1%	.6%

Homicides by Racial Composition of Victims and Offenders

	White on White	Black on White	Other on White	White on Black	Black on Black	Other on Black	White on Other	Black on Other	Other on Other
1976	6,279	862	44	290	6,855	2	29	12	59
1977	6,299	828	52	346	6,469	7	36	10	71
1978	6,776	899	40	269	6,547	5	37	5	48
1979	7,054	1,037	54	390	6,706	4	31	10	64
1980	7,384	1,011	42	343	6,886	7	34	9	67
1981	7,588	1,106	37	402	6,972	8	33	11	71
1982	7,184	960	44	377	6,226	3	44	12	79
1983	6,719	869	41	314	5,738	3	38	8	68
1984	6,664	816	42	341	5,264	3	36	9	63
1985	6,745	913	43	361	5,401	5	27	12	65
1986	6,896	949	54	378	6,235	7	41	6	88
1987	6,574	873	49	408	5,861	8	35	10	70
1988	6,362	939	62	389	6,312	8	40	7	58
1989	6,450	1,029	50	457	6,583	2	42	5	75
1990	6,984	1,089	43	502	7,091	2	42	9	69
1991	6,611	1,220	54	541	7,361	5	51	15	56
1992	6,241	1,272	40	410	6,903	4	35	17	63
1993	6,466	1,393	46	432	7,268	7	32	16	57
1994	6,208	1,306	56	469	6,960	4	42	13	52
1995	6,069	1,109	50	455	6,039	7	38	17	70
1996	5,604	1,077	49	418	5,550	13	32	17	41
1997	5,056	974	34	343	5,118	5	28	17	70
1998	5,210	841	36	363	4,666	8	30	12	56
1999	4,671	820	45	284	4,217	2	23	12	87
2000	4,643	834	34	302	4,298	5	24	12	57
2001	4,813	854	43	286	4,301	7	21	10	42
2002	4,795	847	45	337	4,363	9	26	17	54
2003	4,645	896	35	360	4,367	6	17	9	50
2004	4,758	880	36	358	4,198	1	21	13	62

Source: FBI, Supplementary Homicide Reports, 1976-2004.

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Percent of All Acquaintance Homicides by Racial Composition of Victims and Offenders

	White on White	Black on White	Other on White	White on Black	Black on Black	Other on Black	White on Other	Black on Other	Other on Other
1976	39.0%	4.1%	.2%	1.5%	54.4%	.0%	.2%	.1%	.4%
1977	40.4%	3.7%	.3%	2.3%	52.4%	.1%	.3%	.1%	.5%
1978	41.4%	3.7%	.3%	1.5%	52.5%	.1%	.1%	.0%	.4%
1979	41.1%	3.9%	.3%	2.1%	51.9%	.0%	.2%	.0%	.5%
1980	42.9%	3.7%	.2%	1.8%	50.7%	.0%	.2%	.1%	.5%
1981	43.7%	3.9%	.2%	2.2%	49.5%	.0%	.2%	.0%	.3%
1982	45.2%	3.9%	.3%	2.1%	47.5%	.0%	.3%	.0%	.6%
1983	45.8%	4.1%	.2%	2.0%	46.9%	.0%	.2%	.1%	.6%
1984	47.3%	4.2%	.4%	2.3%	44.8%	.0%	.3%	.1%	.6%
1985	47.4%	4.9%	.3%	2.7%	44.1%	.1%	.1%	.1%	.3%
1986	45.1%	4.6%	.5%	2.2%	46.5%	.1%	.4%	.1%	.6%
1987	44.2%	4.7%	.5%	2.6%	47.0%	.1%	.3%	.1%	.6%
1988	42.2%	4.8%	.6%	2.4%	49.1%	.1%	.4%	.0%	.5%
1989	40.2%	5.4%	.4%	2.9%	50.2%	.0%	.3%	.0%	.6%
1990	40.1%	4.4%	.3%	2.5%	51.8%	.0%	.4%	.0%	.5%
1991	38.7%	5.3%	.5%	2.9%	51.8%	.0%	.4%	.1%	.4%
1992	40.3%	5.8%	.3%	2.6%	50.2%	.0%	.3%	.1%	.5%
1993	40.2%	6.3%	.3%	2.6%	49.8%	.0%	.3%	.1%	.4%
1994	40.1%	5.9%	.4%	2.9%	50.0%	.0%	.3%	.0%	.3%
1995	42.5%	5.8%	.4%	3.1%	47.1%	.1%	.3%	.1%	.7%
1996	42.2%	6.3%	.5%	2.8%	47.2%	.1%	.3%	.1%	.4%
1997	43.5%	6.6%	.4%	2.8%	45.4%	.1%	.2%	.2%	.8%
1998	45.3%	5.7%	.3%	3.3%	44.3%	.0%	.3%	.1%	.6%
1999	44.4%	6.3%	.5%	2.7%	44.6%	.0%	.4%	.1%	1.0%
2000	45.6%	6.5%	.4%	2.8%	43.6%	.0%	.3%	.1%	.7%
2001	47.8%	6.8%	.5%	2.7%	41.4%	.1%	.2%	.1%	.5%
2002	47.4%	6.7%	.6%	3.2%	40.8%	.1%	.3%	.1%	.7%
2003	45.9%	6.8%	.3%	3.7%	42.4%	.1%	.3%	.0%	.5%
2004	47.6%	6.5%	.4%	3.3%	41.2%	.0%	.3%	.1%	.6%

Acquaintance Homicides by Racial Composition of Victims and Offenders

	White on White	Black on White	Other on White	White on Black	Black on Black	Other on Black	White on Other	Black on Other	Other on Other
1976	2,926	311	14	111	4,079	2	17	10	27
1977	3,022	277	25	172	3,923	5	22	4	38
1978	2,946	267	20	103	3,737	4	8	1	25
1979	2,990	280	24	151	3,779	2	16	3	35
1980	3,282	287	18	137	3,880	2	14	4	35
1981	3,580	319	12	176	4,059	3	18	1	25
1982	3,440	298	25	159	3,612	3	25	3	46
1983	3,243	293	18	141	3,318	2	18	5	40
1984	3,269	290	25	162	3,101	3	19	4	41
1985	3,449	355	23	194	3,203	4	11	6	25
1986	3,610	368	39	172	3,717	5	30	5	50
1987	3,340	355	38	195	3,546	7	19	6	45
1988	3,321	375	44	190	3,858	5	33	1	36
1989	3,238	436	28	234	4,041	1	27	3	47
1990	3,366	373	25	208	4,351	2	30	3	39
1991	3,137	432	39	235	4,196	2	30	6	31
1992	3,167	455	20	202	3,944	3	23	5	37
1993	3,269	510	28	213	4,048	3	21	4	32
1994	3,145	460	33	230	3,928	3	26	2	25
1995	2,942	402	26	211	3,260	4	19	5	47
1996	2,885	432	36	189	3,227	9	21	8	25
1997	2,636	397	23	171	2,747	5	15	10	51
1998	2,633	328	19	193	2,576	2	19	6	32
1999	2,287	324	26	138	2,299	2	19	7	51
2000	2,165	310	20	134	2,068	1	13	4	32
2001	2,193	310	23	122	1,901	3	11	5	22
2002	2,253	318	28	153	1,942	7	15	7	32
2003	2,220	330	16	179	2,049	5	13	1	24
2004	2,235	303	19	156	1,933	1	15	6	28

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Percent of All Stranger Homicides by Racial Composition of Victims and Offenders

	White on White	Black on White	Other on White	White on Black	Black on Black	Other on Black	White on Other	Black on Other	Other on Other
1976	44.6%	18.5%	.9%	4.7%	30.8%		.3%	.1%	.2%
1977	45.1%	18.9%	.6%	5.6%	28.8%	.0%	.3%	.2%	.3%
1978	45.4%	19.1%	.5%	3.6%	30.6%		.6%	.0%	.2%
1979	43.2%	20.6%	.7%	4.9%	29.7%		.3%	.2%	.4%
1980	43.0%	20.7%	.5%	5.1%	30.2%	.1%	.2%	.1%	.2%
1981	41.9%	20.5%	.5%	4.6%	31.9%	.1%	.2%	.2%	.1%
1982	42.9%	19.1%	.5%	5.0%	31.9%		.4%	.2%	.1%
1983	45.4%	19.0%	.7%	4.1%	30.0%		.6%	.1%	.1%
1984	48.9%	17.7%	.3%	4.5%	27.6%		.5%	.1%	.3%
1985	43.6%	19.7%	.6%	4.9%	30.1%	.1%	.5%	.3%	.4%
1986	45.6%	18.3%	.3%	5.1%	30.1%	.1%	.4%	.1%	.2%
1987	44.9%	18.7%	.3%	6.2%	29.5%		.2%	.2%	.1%
1988	42.3%	20.2%	.6%	5.1%	31.4%		.1%	.2%	.1%
1989	40.6%	19.0%	.4%	5.4%	33.9%		.5%		.1%
1990	42.6%	18.9%	.5%	6.4%	31.0%		.2%	.2%	.1%
1991	35.1%	17.9%	.3%	5.4%	40.5%	.0%	.4%	.2%	.2%
1992	32.9%	21.1%	.5%	4.0%	40.9%	.0%	.3%	.2%	.1%
1993	33.6%	20.8%	.4%	4.4%	40.2%	.1%	.2%	.1%	.1%
1994	33.3%	20.9%	.6%	4.9%	39.5%		.4%	.3%	.2%
1995	38.6%	17.1%	.6%	5.8%	36.9%	.1%	.5%	.3%	.1%
1996	39.2%	18.5%	.1%	6.6%	34.7%	.1%	.4%	.2%	.1%
1997	38.2%	18.0%	.2%	4.9%	37.7%		.5%	.3%	.2%
1998	44.2%	17.5%	.6%	5.3%	31.3%		.4%	.3%	.3%
1999	43.8%	19.6%	.4%	5.1%	30.5%		.2%	.1%	.1%
2000	41.2%	17.4%	.4%	5.0%	35.0%	.1%	.3%	.2%	.3%
2001	42.9%	16.4%	.6%	5.1%	34.2%	.1%	.4%	.2%	.1%
2002	40.7%	15.4%	.4%	4.8%	37.6%	.1%	.4%	.5%	.1%
2003	39.9%	18.2%	.6%	4.8%	35.8%		.2%	.4%	.1%
2004	41.9%	17.7%	.6%	6.6%	32.4%		.2%	.2%	.3%

Stranger Homicides by Racial Composition of Victims and Offenders

	White on White	Black on White	Other on White	White on Black	Black on Black	Other on Black	White on Other	Black on Other	Other on Other
1976	992	413	19	105	685		7	1	3
1977	1,001	420	14	125	639	1	7	4	7
1978	1,055	443	10	84	711		15	1	4
1979	1,029	491	18	118	707		6	4	8
1980	1,104	531	13	131	775	2	4	2	6
1981	1,201	588	13	133	916	3	6	6	2
1982	1,128	504	12	133	839		10	5	2
1983	988	414	14	89	654		13	2	2
1984	1,075	389	8	100	606		11	2	6
1985	917	413	13	103	632	1	10	5	8
1986	953	383	5	106	629	1	7	1	4
1987	883	367	6	122	580		4	3	1
1988	881	421	12	106	654		2	5	2
1989	967	452	10	128	805		12		3
1990	1,201	534	14	182	873		7	6	3
1991	1,120	572	9	171	1,293	1	14	7	6
1992	897	574	14	110	1,116	1	7	5	2
1993	1,020	632	13	133	1,220	3	5	3	4
1994	892	559	15	131	1,056		12	8	4
1995	1,077	476	16	162	1,028	2	14	9	3
1996	915	432	3	153	808	2	9	6	2
1997	770	363	5	98	759		9	6	5
1998	840	333	12	100	595		8	6	6
1999	727	324	7	85	506		4	2	2
2000	783	330	8	94	666	2	6	5	6
2001	830	318	13	98	662	2	8	3	2
2002	864	326	9	102	798	1	9	10	2
2003	754	343	11	90	677		3	7	2
2004	810	343	13	128	625		5	3	6

Source: FBI, Supplementary Homicide Reports, 1976-2004.
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Homicide Victimization Rates per 100,000 Population by Age, Race, and Gender

	White Male			Black Male			White Female			Black Female		
	14-17	18-24	25+	14-17	18-24	25+	14-17	18-24	25+	14-17	18-24	25+
1976	3.7	11.3	9.8	24.2	89.8	97.2	2.1	4.2	3.0	6.3	25.1	19.3
1977	4.1	12.5	9.9	22.4	86.9	94.1	2.4	4.4	3.1	8.7	24.5	17.2
1978	4.7	13.3	10.4	21.9	86.4	90.3	2.5	4.4	3.1	7.6	23.7	16.5
1979	4.9	16.0	11.0	23.2	90.9	95.7	2.3	5.2	3.2	7.8	24.0	18.2
1980	5.1	16.2	11.4	26.3	96.7	94.8	2.6	5.3	3.3	6.8	23.5	17.1
1981	4.3	14.9	11.3	23.0	89.7	93.2	2.4	4.9	3.3	6.0	20.4	16.0
1982	4.0	13.9	10.4	22.3	82.6	79.5	1.9	5.2	3.3	7.5	17.7	14.4
1983	3.8	12.7	9.4	21.4	75.0	70.7	2.0	4.2	3.1	5.2	19.4	13.0
1984	3.5	11.9	9.1	18.4	68.0	64.6	2.1	5.1	3.0	6.4	18.2	12.4
1985	3.9	12.1	8.9	23.7	73.3	62.4	1.9	4.2	3.2	7.3	16.5	13.2
1986	4.1	13.3	9.0	26.8	87.9	70.2	2.3	4.7	3.1	6.5	19.7	14.1
1987	3.7	12.3	8.5	36.2	96.4	64.0	2.2	4.6	3.3	7.1	19.6	14.4
1988	3.9	12.3	8.1	43.3	109.5	69.2	2.2	4.5	3.0	7.2	20.8	14.8
1989	5.3	13.4	8.2	54.3	128.3	70.5	2.1	4.4	2.8	8.6	20.0	14.7
1990	7.5	16.7	8.7	59.0	151.0	74.4	2.5	4.0	2.9	10.3	20.5	14.3
1991	8.5	18.2	8.8	71.9	173.7	72.7	2.5	4.6	2.8	9.4	23.4	15.0
1992	9.0	17.4	8.4	67.3	171.8	67.6	2.4	4.4	2.8	12.8	20.8	14.4
1993	9.1	17.2	8.1	76.4	183.5	68.3	2.7	4.3	3.0	12.7	24.1	14.5
1994	8.7	17.8	7.7	71.6	176.2	64.3	2.0	3.8	2.6	10.0	20.7	13.7
1995	8.6	17.3	6.9	63.2	148.9	56.4	2.7	4.2	2.7	11.9	17.1	12.2
1996	7.9	15.4	6.5	52.2	138.2	50.0	2.0	3.3	2.4	8.9	15.4	11.3
1997	5.7	14.5	5.9	42.0	136.5	45.5	1.7	3.5	2.1	7.2	15.4	9.9
1998	5.7	14.5	5.3	32.8	117.4	40.6	1.9	3.4	2.2	5.9	14.3	9.3
1999	5.1	12.5	5.0	31.0	102.4	36.5	1.7	3.4	2.0	5.9	12.9	7.9
2000	4.1	12.1	4.7	25.8	100.6	38.1	1.4	2.9	2.0	4.5	13.5	7.6
2001	3.8	12.9	4.8	26.3	104.0	37.5	1.4	3.2	2.0	3.9	10.1	7.6
2002	3.6	12.7	4.8	22.6	102.5	39.0	1.5	2.9	1.9	6.1	11.8	7.4
2003	3.5	13.0	4.8	24.7	104.8	39.8	1.1	3.2	1.9	3.8	11.9	6.9
2004	4.0	12.0	4.9	25.8	95.5	38.3	1.1	2.9	1.9	3.7	9.6	6.6

Homicide Victims by Age, Race and Gender

	White Male			Black Male			White Female			Black Female		
	14-17	18-24	25+	14-17	18-24	25+	14-17	18-24	25+	14-17	18-24	25+
1976	265	1,363	4,974	264	1,471	4,884	147	499	1,718	69	442	1,183
1977	289	1,525	5,114	244	1,468	4,853	161	531	1,809	95	444	1,090
1978	331	1,637	5,458	239	1,496	4,795	167	531	1,804	84	440	1,074
1979	337	1,984	5,926	254	1,608	5,229	152	629	1,897	85	454	1,224
1980	352	2,038	6,306	295	1,780	5,478	170	652	2,037	76	463	1,217
1981	289	1,898	6,381	267	1,735	5,709	153	612	2,051	70	418	1,209
1982	264	1,748	5,977	256	1,601	5,009	123	637	2,136	85	362	1,118
1983	242	1,585	5,486	241	1,457	4,570	124	503	2,025	58	397	1,037
1984	217	1,467	5,401	204	1,320	4,285	126	607	1,947	70	371	1,010
1985	238	1,465	5,384	259	1,421	4,243	113	489	2,167	79	334	1,106
1986	249	1,583	5,525	292	1,701	4,889	132	542	2,093	70	396	1,205
1987	223	1,429	5,284	394	1,845	4,569	128	517	2,257	76	387	1,260
1988	234	1,390	5,131	472	2,068	5,049	125	491	2,112	77	406	1,326
1989	311	1,487	5,251	590	2,388	5,255	116	469	1,986	92	382	1,341
1990	412	1,874	5,672	614	2,827	5,652	131	428	2,051	104	395	1,327
1991	472	1,992	5,796	755	3,225	5,650	131	475	2,026	96	449	1,422
1992	507	1,864	5,556	721	3,185	5,372	128	452	2,051	133	394	1,395
1993	516	1,846	5,411	832	3,440	5,499	144	441	2,192	133	464	1,425
1994	499	1,885	5,204	799	3,287	5,266	107	386	1,926	108	395	1,373
1995	512	1,792	4,754	734	2,765	4,696	151	417	2,036	134	324	1,242
1996	477	1,569	4,489	617	2,561	4,231	111	320	1,788	101	292	1,164
1997	356	1,457	4,101	509	2,509	3,921	100	335	1,610	84	289	1,041
1998	357	1,462	3,732	402	2,169	3,555	111	325	1,716	69	270	992
1999	322	1,285	3,572	379	1,930	3,238	99	332	1,531	69	248	859
2000	269	1,296	3,436	326	1,979	3,505	88	299	1,583	54	271	851
2001	249	1,408	3,550	337	2,100	3,508	85	337	1,598	48	207	871
2002	241	1,422	3,561	295	2,115	3,700	91	312	1,553	76	247	862
2003	237	1,475	3,663	331	2,190	3,833	66	342	1,556	49	253	814
2004	268	1,384	3,768	358	2,031	3,735	73	321	1,532	49	208	794

Source: FBI, Supplementary Homicide Reports, 1976-2004.

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Homicide Offending Rates per 100,000 Population by Age, Race and Gender

	White Male			Black Male			White Female			Black Female		
	14-17	18-24	25+	14-17	18-24	25+	14-17	18-24	25+	14-17	18-24	25+
1976	10.9	21.0	8.9	80.4	180.9	100.8	1.4	2.5	1.5	11.1	29.5	22.1
1977	11.2	21.7	9.2	73.8	169.8	96.3	1.3	2.6	1.4	7.0	29.9	21.0
1978	10.9	23.6	9.5	70.1	178.4	96.2	1.1	2.6	1.3	7.7	27.4	19.2
1979	13.5	26.8	10.2	78.7	197.7	101.6	1.1	2.8	1.5	9.0	27.0	18.8
1980	13.9	30.1	11.4	83.8	212.4	108.8	1.0	2.9	1.6	8.1	32.5	19.5
1981	11.6	27.1	10.8	82.8	185.9	96.6	1.2	2.5	1.5	8.1	23.9	17.6
1982	11.6	24.5	10.4	69.3	174.8	85.1	1.2	2.6	1.4	5.9	24.1	15.1
1983	10.9	23.9	9.5	57.4	150.2	76.2	1.5	2.3	1.3	7.2	21.9	13.1
1984	10.0	25.2	9.6	52.7	130.0	71.5	1.2	2.7	1.2	6.0	18.5	12.4
1985	10.4	23.2	9.3	69.0	143.4	68.8	.9	2.5	1.2	7.1	18.0	12.0
1986	12.9	25.1	9.5	80.1	162.1	77.0	1.2	2.2	1.2	5.6	20.2	12.7
1987	11.8	24.4	9.3	87.5	177.9	69.3	1.3	2.5	1.2	6.8	16.5	11.1
1988	14.6	23.2	8.8	125.3	219.2	72.6	1.0	2.5	1.1	7.5	20.5	10.2
1989	16.8	26.8	8.6	135.3	250.4	67.8	1.1	2.7	1.1	7.0	18.9	10.8
1990	22.0	30.9	9.2	194.5	290.7	70.3	1.5	2.8	1.1	6.9	19.1	10.1
1991	22.8	32.9	8.8	214.0	364.9	68.8	1.3	2.6	1.0	10.5	21.9	10.2
1992	23.3	31.8	8.0	208.9	326.1	65.5	1.4	2.3	.9	11.2	17.2	8.7
1993	22.8	32.7	7.8	253.1	362.3	60.7	1.3	2.2	1.1	9.2	20.0	8.1
1994	24.9	32.7	7.5	235.4	338.1	55.1	1.6	2.2	1.0	9.6	17.6	7.8
1995	22.0	32.1	7.2	178.8	301.0	51.2	1.3	2.1	.9	7.6	13.0	6.3
1996	18.3	31.6	6.4	143.3	282.4	47.2	1.8	2.7	.9	8.8	15.7	6.2
1997	16.3	29.5	5.9	116.9	252.5	45.1	1.5	2.8	.8	4.5	15.9	5.3
1998	14.2	29.8	6.1	80.5	226.9	39.6	1.2	2.5	.9	5.3	13.2	5.1
1999	10.6	24.9	5.4	68.4	212.7	36.3	1.4	2.4	.8	6.1	10.7	4.3
2000	8.1	24.6	5.4	63.5	211.1	38.0	1.2	2.0	.8	5.2	11.4	4.0
2001	8.2	26.1	5.4	61.0	207.0	38.8	1.0	2.2	.7	5.2	12.6	4.2
2002	9.3	24.9	5.5	54.6	192.0	41.0	.9	2.6	.7	3.6	11.0	3.7
2003	7.7	23.2	5.5	58.2	199.2	39.6	1.3	2.3	.7	3.7	11.9	4.1
2004	8.7	22.9	5.6	59.7	184.5	38.0	.8	2.2	.8	2.7	9.8	3.9

Homicide Offenders by Age, Race and Gender

	White Male			Black Male			White Female			Black Female		
	14-17	18-24	25+	14-17	18-24	25+	14-17	18-24	25+	14-17	18-24	25+
1976	781	2,527	4,564	876	2,962	5,064	99	294	853	122	520	1,359
1977	795	2,651	4,784	804	2,866	4,966	86	313	835	77	542	1,324
1978	763	2,905	5,013	768	3,089	5,106	75	309	790	85	509	1,253
1979	932	3,314	5,490	863	3,498	5,552	75	339	889	99	512	1,265
1980	949	3,785	6,290	941	3,909	6,284	67	363	988	91	639	1,388
1981	784	3,447	6,111	961	3,595	5,918	81	308	911	94	490	1,330
1982	765	3,081	5,950	795	3,391	5,362	75	323	924	68	495	1,170
1983	698	2,975	5,543	648	2,917	4,928	93	279	871	81	449	1,042
1984	621	3,104	5,689	584	2,525	4,740	70	324	792	66	376	1,011
1985	635	2,814	5,633	753	2,780	4,672	50	289	780	77	364	1,002
1986	788	2,983	5,820	872	3,136	5,367	68	253	782	61	405	1,083
1987	712	2,828	5,810	953	3,406	4,941	76	280	802	73	326	969
1988	872	2,627	5,572	1,366	4,140	5,295	59	268	748	80	400	915
1989	988	2,969	5,513	1,469	4,661	5,051	59	281	740	75	363	987
1990	1,209	3,459	5,942	2,025	5,441	5,342	80	294	789	70	368	944
1991	1,261	3,593	5,790	2,249	6,775	5,348	69	273	736	107	419	968
1992	1,307	3,405	5,319	2,238	6,047	5,209	74	232	678	116	327	846
1993	1,290	3,520	5,259	2,754	6,794	4,888	69	230	774	97	384	797
1994	1,431	3,465	5,101	2,626	6,306	4,514	84	223	727	104	336	780
1995	1,308	3,330	4,947	2,075	5,590	4,266	73	209	655	85	246	640
1996	1,111	3,225	4,405	1,693	5,231	3,995	102	263	653	101	297	638
1997	1,014	2,963	4,113	1,417	4,641	3,885	89	270	624	52	298	554
1998	893	2,991	4,289	988	4,192	3,466	74	239	709	62	250	546
1999	667	2,546	3,841	836	4,012	3,224	83	237	591	72	206	462
2000	524	2,626	3,929	804	4,153	3,499	74	200	622	63	229	454
2001	539	2,856	4,021	781	4,183	3,630	62	230	542	63	260	485
2002	612	2,785	4,121	712	3,962	3,888	57	275	602	45	232	428
2003	518	2,633	4,158	781	4,161	3,810	84	251	598	47	253	481
2004	589	2,639	4,304	828	3,924	3,707	54	247	655	36	211	471

Source: FBI, Supplementary Homicide Reports, 1976-2004.

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	White Males, Ages 14-24			Black Males, Ages 14-24			All Others		
	Population	Victims	Offenders	Population	Victims	Offenders	Population	Victims	Offenders
1976	8.9%	8.7%	16.3%	1.3%	9.2%	18.9%	89.8%	82.1%	64.9%
1977	8.9%	9.5%	16.9%	1.3%	9.0%	18.0%	89.8%	81.6%	65.1%
1978	8.8%	10.1%	17.5%	1.3%	8.9%	18.4%	89.9%	81.1%	64.1%
1979	8.8%	10.8%	18.3%	1.3%	8.7%	18.8%	89.9%	80.5%	62.9%
1980	8.6%	10.4%	18.1%	1.3%	9.0%	18.5%	90.1%	80.6%	63.4%
1981	8.5%	9.7%	17.3%	1.4%	8.9%	18.6%	90.2%	81.4%	64.1%
1982	8.3%	9.6%	16.8%	1.3%	8.8%	18.3%	90.4%	81.6%	64.9%
1983	8.1%	9.5%	17.5%	1.3%	8.8%	17.0%	90.6%	81.7%	65.5%
1984	7.9%	9.0%	18.3%	1.3%	8.2%	15.3%	90.9%	82.8%	66.4%
1985	7.7%	9.0%	16.9%	1.3%	8.9%	17.3%	91.1%	82.2%	65.7%
1986	7.5%	8.9%	17.0%	1.3%	9.7%	18.1%	91.3%	81.4%	64.9%
1987	7.3%	8.2%	16.3%	1.2%	11.1%	20.1%	91.5%	80.6%	63.6%
1988	7.1%	7.9%	15.3%	1.2%	12.3%	24.1%	91.7%	79.9%	60.6%
1989	6.9%	8.4%	16.7%	1.2%	13.9%	25.9%	91.9%	77.8%	57.5%
1990	6.7%	9.8%	17.6%	1.2%	14.7%	28.2%	92.1%	75.6%	54.2%
1991	6.5%	10.0%	17.2%	1.2%	16.1%	31.9%	92.3%	73.9%	50.9%
1992	6.4%	10.0%	17.7%	1.1%	16.4%	31.2%	92.5%	73.6%	51.0%
1993	6.4%	9.6%	17.4%	1.1%	17.4%	34.6%	92.5%	73.0%	48.0%
1994	6.3%	10.2%	18.5%	1.1%	17.5%	33.7%	92.6%	72.3%	47.8%
1995	6.2%	10.7%	19.2%	1.1%	16.2%	31.7%	92.6%	73.1%	49.2%
1996	6.1%	10.4%	19.4%	1.1%	16.2%	30.9%	92.7%	73.4%	49.8%
1997	6.1%	10.0%	19.3%	1.1%	16.6%	29.4%	92.8%	73.5%	51.3%
1998	6.1%	10.7%	20.1%	1.1%	15.2%	26.8%	92.8%	74.1%	53.1%
1999	6.1%	10.4%	18.5%	1.1%	14.9%	27.9%	92.8%	74.8%	53.7%
2000	6.1%	10.0%	17.8%	1.1%	14.8%	27.9%	92.7%	75.2%	54.3%
2001	6.1%	10.3%	18.7%	1.2%	15.2%	27.3%	92.7%	74.5%	54.0%
2002	6.2%	10.3%	18.6%	1.2%	14.9%	25.6%	92.7%	74.9%	55.8%
2003	6.2%	10.4%	17.1%	1.2%	15.3%	26.8%	92.6%	74.4%	56.0%
2004	6.2%	10.2%	17.7%	1.2%	14.8%	26.1%	92.6%	75.0%	56.2%

Source: FBI, Supplementary Homicide Reports, 1976-2004.

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under Age 5 by Race of
Victim**

	White	Black	Other	Total
1976	300	239	6	544
1977	286	242	3	531
1978	310	250	4	564
1979	293	208	9	511
1980	315	231	11	557
1981	328	214	13	556
1982	355	248	18	621
1983	311	254	16	581
1984	328	213	13	554
1985	330	216	10	556
1986	361	308	17	686
1987	350	234	17	601
1988	357	282	10	649
1989	386	263	18	667
1990	379	274	17	671
1991	409	343	26	778
1992	371	304	16	691
1993	371	362	28	761
1994	413	329	21	763
1995	412	288	18	719
1996	424	307	25	756
1997	351	255	25	631
1998	368	259	14	641
1999	338	239	25	601
2000	328	253	12	593
2001	354	260	16	630
2002	325	238	23	586
2003	349	234	15	598
2004	336	208	14	558

Source: FBI, Supplementary Homicide Reports, 1976-2004.

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100,000 Population
by Race of Victim**

	White	Black	Other
1976	2.4	10.2	1.6
1977	2.3	10.4	0.8
1978	2.5	10.7	1.0
1979	2.3	8.8	2.1
1980	2.4	9.4	2.2
1981	2.4	8.4	2.5
1982	2.5	9.6	3.2
1983	2.2	9.7	2.5
1984	2.3	8.1	2.0
1985	2.3	8.1	1.4
1986	2.5	11.5	2.4
1987	2.4	8.6	2.2
1988	2.4	10.2	1.3
1989	2.6	9.2	2.2
1990	2.5	9.3	2.0
1991	2.7	11.3	2.9
1992	2.4	9.8	1.6
1993	2.4	11.3	2.7
1994	2.6	10.2	2.0
1995	2.6	8.9	1.7
1996	2.7	9.5	2.2
1997	2.3	8.0	2.2
1998	2.4	8.1	1.2
1999	2.2	7.4	2.0
2000	2.2	7.9	0.9
2001	2.4	8.0	1.2
2002	2.2	7.4	1.7
2003	2.4	7.2	1.1
2004	2.3	6.3	1.0

Source: FBI, Supplementary Homicide Reports, 1976-2004.

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	Age of Victim					Total
	Less than 1	1 year old	2 years old	3 years old	4 years old	
1976	206	103	107	72	62	551
1977	184	118	125	67	46	540
1978	216	99	126	79	51	573
1979	170	131	101	61	56	520
1980	222	116	103	66	56	564
1981	204	124	109	69	52	557
1982	246	121	129	73	57	626
1983	228	127	113	62	57	586
1984	199	120	130	61	48	558
1985	206	127	107	75	44	558
1986	280	141	123	90	58	692
1987	261	115	111	70	49	606
1988	275	132	130	74	45	656
1989	288	140	101	78	67	674
1990	305	169	104	54	43	675
1991	354	177	137	71	47	785
1992	268	197	117	61	54	697
1993	286	214	139	87	46	770
1994	272	177	149	105	65	768
1995	273	175	135	76	65	724
1996	307	195	120	96	51	769
1997	278	159	97	67	45	645
1998	268	152	106	85	44	654
1999	260	124	113	76	39	613
2000	266	126	117	55	39	603
2001	260	173	100	64	44	641
2002	210	163	109	65	47	594
2003	258	125	108	74	46	610
2004	201	174	89	60	54	578

Infanticide by Victim Age

	Age of Victim					Total
	Less than 1	1 year old	2 years old	3 years old	4 years old	
1976	37.4%	18.7%	19.5%	13.1%	11.3%	100.0%
1977	34.2%	21.8%	23.2%	12.4%	8.4%	100.0%
1978	37.8%	17.3%	22.1%	13.9%	8.9%	100.0%
1979	32.7%	25.3%	19.4%	11.8%	10.8%	100.0%
1980	39.4%	20.6%	18.3%	11.8%	9.9%	100.0%
1981	36.7%	22.2%	19.6%	12.3%	9.3%	100.0%
1982	39.2%	19.3%	20.7%	11.7%	9.1%	100.0%
1983	38.8%	21.7%	19.2%	10.6%	9.7%	100.0%
1984	35.7%	21.6%	23.3%	10.9%	8.5%	100.0%
1985	36.8%	22.7%	19.2%	13.4%	7.9%	100.0%
1986	40.5%	20.4%	17.8%	13.0%	8.3%	100.0%
1987	43.0%	19.0%	18.3%	11.6%	8.1%	100.0%
1988	41.9%	20.2%	19.8%	11.2%	6.8%	100.0%
1989	42.8%	20.7%	15.0%	11.6%	9.9%	100.0%
1990	45.2%	25.0%	15.4%	8.0%	6.3%	100.0%
1991	45.1%	22.5%	17.4%	9.0%	6.0%	100.0%
1992	38.4%	28.2%	16.8%	8.7%	7.8%	100.0%
1993	37.1%	27.7%	18.0%	11.3%	5.9%	100.0%
1994	35.4%	23.1%	19.4%	13.6%	8.5%	100.0%
1995	37.8%	24.2%	18.6%	10.5%	9.0%	100.0%
1996	39.9%	25.3%	15.7%	12.5%	6.6%	100.0%
1997	43.1%	24.6%	15.0%	10.3%	7.0%	100.0%
1998	40.9%	23.2%	16.2%	13.0%	6.8%	100.0%
1999	42.4%	20.2%	18.5%	12.5%	6.4%	100.0%
2000	44.1%	20.9%	19.3%	9.2%	6.4%	100.0%
2001	40.5%	27.0%	15.6%	9.9%	6.9%	100.0%
2002	35.4%	27.5%	18.4%	10.9%	7.8%	100.0%
2003	42.2%	20.5%	17.6%	12.2%	7.5%	100.0%
2004	34.7%	30.2%	15.4%	10.5%	9.3%	100.0%

Source: FBI, Supplementary Homicide Reports, 1976-2004.

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by Relationship with the Offender

	Parent	Other family	Friend/ acquaintance	Stranger	Unknown	Total
1976	57.3%	7.8%	19.5%	3.3%	12.1%	100.0%
1977	59.1%	6.1%	20.2%	4.1%	10.4%	100.0%
1978	56.6%	6.4%	21.9%	4.0%	11.1%	100.0%
1979	47.3%	9.0%	22.8%	3.8%	17.0%	100.0%
1980	54.0%	7.5%	20.7%	2.8%	15.0%	100.0%
1981	57.1%	7.7%	24.0%	1.6%	9.7%	100.0%
1982	57.8%	4.3%	22.4%	2.4%	13.1%	100.0%
1983	58.7%	5.3%	22.9%	2.3%	10.8%	100.0%
1984	52.4%	7.8%	26.0%	2.7%	11.1%	100.0%
1985	61.8%	4.7%	23.6%	1.7%	8.1%	100.0%
1986	56.1%	5.6%	24.0%	.9%	13.4%	100.0%
1987	57.9%	6.3%	23.2%	2.2%	10.3%	100.0%
1988	52.8%	5.8%	27.4%	1.1%	13.0%	100.0%
1989	57.1%	6.6%	22.4%	2.0%	12.0%	100.0%
1990	52.2%	5.7%	24.1%	1.5%	16.4%	100.0%
1991	54.4%	6.2%	24.1%	2.6%	12.6%	100.0%
1992	53.3%	4.5%	24.6%	4.1%	13.5%	100.0%
1993	49.9%	4.3%	28.3%	3.0%	14.6%	100.0%
1994	51.9%	5.5%	25.2%	3.0%	14.4%	100.0%
1995	52.9%	6.8%	23.6%	5.9%	10.8%	100.0%
1996	50.2%	6.0%	29.8%	2.4%	11.6%	100.0%
1997	56.9%	6.2%	23.5%	2.3%	11.1%	100.0%
1998	55.7%	4.2%	26.5%	1.3%	12.4%	100.0%
1999	57.2%	7.6%	23.0%	1.9%	10.3%	100.0%
2000	52.3%	7.8%	25.8%	1.2%	12.9%	100.0%
2001	54.4%	5.5%	25.9%	3.6%	10.7%	100.0%
2002	52.6%	6.3%	24.7%	3.6%	12.8%	100.0%
2003	56.5%	7.3%	21.4%	2.1%	12.8%	100.0%
2004	53.8%	5.1%	26.4%	1.6%	13.0%	100.0%

Homicides of Children under age 5 by Relationship with the Offender

	Parent	Other family	Friend/ Acquaintance	Stranger	Unknown	Total
1976	316	43	107	18	67	551
1977	319	33	109	22	56	540
1978	324	37	125	23	64	573
1979	246	47	119	20	89	520
1980	305	42	117	16	84	564
1981	318	43	134	9	54	557
1982	362	27	140	15	82	626
1983	344	31	134	13	63	586
1984	292	43	145	15	62	558
1985	345	26	132	10	45	558
1986	389	39	166	6	93	692
1987	351	38	141	13	63	606
1988	346	38	180	7	85	656
1989	385	44	151	14	81	674
1990	353	38	163	10	111	675
1991	427	49	189	21	99	785
1992	371	31	172	28	94	697
1993	384	33	218	23	112	770
1994	398	42	193	23	111	768
1995	383	49	171	43	78	724
1996	386	46	229	19	89	769
1997	367	40	152	15	71	645
1998	364	27	173	8	81	654
1999	351	47	141	12	63	613
2000	316	47	156	7	78	603
2001	349	35	166	23	68	641
2002	312	37	146	22	76	594
2003	345	45	131	13	78	610
2004	311	30	153	9	75	578

Source: FBI, Supplementary Homicide Reports, 1976-2004.

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	Male on Male	Female on Male	Male on Female	Female on Female
1976	153	120	124	87
1977	162	108	124	96
1978	184	112	130	91
1979	146	93	139	75
1980	182	96	122	90
1981	184	91	148	92
1982	193	98	153	106
1983	174	107	132	104
1984	175	86	134	95
1985	180	92	147	89
1986	200	138	153	109
1987	181	105	157	100
1988	205	96	165	104
1989	188	132	143	123
1990	199	124	158	86
1991	235	126	193	130
1992	247	94	164	94
1993	253	122	189	104
1994	261	128	161	119
1995	244	120	171	120
1996	244	105	193	133
1997	183	125	153	115
1998	215	117	156	90
1999	194	89	152	118
2000	205	105	166	75
2001	224	100	170	97
2002	190	100	166	84
2003	196	104	163	87
2004	193	79	156	87

Source: FBI, Supplementary Homicide Reports, 1976-2004.

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Homicides of Persons 65 and Older by Gender of Victim

	Male	Female
1976	776	450
1977	763	416
1978	703	441
1979	780	499
1980	850	495
1981	788	487
1982	754	533
1983	690	484
1984	675	456
1985	638	493
1986	712	517
1987	707	585
1988	723	547
1989	649	500
1990	617	510
1991	670	467
1992	620	484
1993	623	514
1994	567	451
1995	545	461
1996	490	384
1997	526	340
1998	435	334
1999	428	317
2000	370	328
2001	396	318
2002	402	302
2003	429	306
2004	434	308

Source: FBI, Supplementary Homicide Reports, 1976-2004.

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	Victims	Offenders
1976	5.4	2.1
1977	5.1	2.1
1978	4.8	2.0
1979	5.3	2.0
1980	5.3	1.9
1981	4.9	1.9
1982	4.8	1.6
1983	4.3	1.3
1984	4.1	1.6
1985	4.0	1.5
1986	4.2	1.5
1987	4.4	1.6
1988	4.2	1.6
1989	3.7	1.3
1990	3.6	1.3
1991	3.6	1.2
1992	3.4	1.2
1993	3.5	1.2
1994	3.1	1.0
1995	3.0	1.0
1996	2.6	.9
1997	2.5	.9
1998	2.2	.8
1999	2.1	.8
2000	1.9	.8
2001	2.0	.7
2002	1.9	.6
2003	2.0	.8
2004	2.0	.7

Number of Homicide Victims and Offenders Age 65 and Older

	Victims	Offenders
1976	1,226	473
1977	1,179	481
1978	1,145	465
1979	1,279	485
1980	1,345	472
1981	1,276	488
1982	1,286	432
1983	1,174	363
1984	1,132	456
1985	1,133	428
1986	1,229	439
1987	1,292	489
1988	1,269	482
1989	1,149	397
1990	1,127	415
1991	1,137	369
1992	1,105	373
1993	1,138	376
1994	1,019	335
1995	1,006	325
1996	876	299
1997	866	301
1998	769	267
1999	746	290
2000	699	284
2001	714	242
2002	704	232
2003	735	283
2004	743	275

Source: FBI, Supplementary Homicide Reports, 1976-2004.

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Victim age by circumstance

Age of victim	Felony		Other	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
0	706	11.2%	5,589	88.8%
1	476	12.7%	3,272	87.3%
2	467	15.8%	2,483	84.2%
3	355	19.4%	1,475	80.6%
4	291	23.1%	967	76.9%
5	245	26.3%	686	73.7%
6	202	27.3%	538	72.7%
7	208	30.6%	470	69.4%
8	202	31.0%	450	69.0%
9	215	34.4%	410	65.6%
10	180	30.3%	414	69.7%
11	213	34.8%	400	65.2%
12	258	29.0%	630	71.0%
13	317	26.8%	867	73.2%
14	476	21.4%	1,748	78.6%
15	797	20.2%	3,153	79.8%
16	1,333	21.2%	4,967	78.8%
17	1,938	21.0%	7,298	79.0%
18	2,719	22.9%	9,169	77.1%
19	3,438	24.1%	10,834	75.9%
20	3,810	25.8%	10,941	74.2%
21	3,796	25.0%	11,372	75.0%
22	3,891	25.6%	11,328	74.4%
23	3,735	24.8%	11,344	75.2%
24	3,745	25.7%	10,802	74.3%
25	3,867	25.7%	11,159	74.3%
26	3,569	25.5%	10,427	74.5%
27	3,334	25.0%	9,983	75.0%
28	3,159	25.0%	9,471	75.0%
29	3,171	25.5%	9,261	74.5%
30	3,374	26.3%	9,434	73.7%
31	2,725	25.2%	8,107	74.8%
32	2,705	24.5%	8,355	75.5%
33	2,424	24.6%	7,445	75.4%
34	2,406	24.3%	7,477	75.7%
35	2,595	26.0%	7,393	74.0%
36	2,235	25.7%	6,447	74.3%
37	1,974	23.9%	6,294	76.1%
38	1,913	23.8%	6,129	76.2%
39	1,834	24.3%	5,703	75.7%
40	2,021	26.1%	5,726	73.9%
41	1,698	25.8%	4,886	74.2%
42	1,767	26.1%	5,009	73.9%
43	1,508	25.7%	4,367	74.3%
44	1,399	25.7%	4,052	74.3%
45	1,457	26.3%	4,078	73.7%
46	1,331	27.0%	3,589	73.0%
47	1,325	28.0%	3,408	72.0%
48	1,146	27.2%	3,063	72.8%
49	1,191	28.7%	2,962	71.3%
50	1,327	30.3%	3,047	69.7%
51	1,074	30.8%	2,413	69.2%
52	1,165	32.1%	2,467	67.9%
53	1,037	31.7%	2,238	68.3%
54	986	31.2%	2,170	68.8%
55	1,055	34.8%	1,974	65.2%
56	927	33.6%	1,831	66.4%
57	949	35.9%	1,691	64.1%
58	857	36.6%	1,483	63.4%
59	872	38.3%	1,402	61.7%
60	975	41.0%	1,405	59.0%
61	820	39.1%	1,275	60.9%
62	908	41.1%	1,304	58.9%
63	788	41.0%	1,134	59.0%
64	741	43.2%	976	56.8%
65	842	42.3%	1,150	57.7%
66	615	43.4%	803	56.6%
67	685	44.2%	864	55.8%
68	684	47.1%	767	52.9%
69	658	49.4%	674	50.6%
70	708	49.8%	715	50.2%
71	584	49.8%	588	50.2%
72	668	50.5%	653	49.5%
73	567	51.3%	537	48.7%
74	568	52.5%	514	47.5%
75	579	53.1%	512	46.9%
76	512	54.6%	425	45.4%
77	473	54.5%	394	45.5%
78	474	56.0%	373	44.0%
79	482	57.4%	357	42.6%
80	437	55.3%	354	44.7%
81	399	60.4%	262	39.6%
82	389	58.8%	272	41.2%
83	330	59.7%	223	40.3%
84	289	57.2%	217	42.8%
85	283	61.0%	181	39.0%
86	280	63.6%	160	36.4%
87	244	71.1%	99	28.9%
88	183	65.1%	98	34.9%
89	129	61.9%	79	38.1%
90	126	62.7%	75	37.3%

Source: FBI, Supplementary Homicide Reports, 1976-2004.

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Victims by Gender

	Male	Female
1976	1,348	1,596
1977	1,288	1,430
1978	1,193	1,480
1979	1,260	1,506
1980	1,217	1,546
1981	1,268	1,567
1982	1,135	1,480
1983	1,112	1,461
1984	988	1,439
1985	956	1,546
1986	979	1,584
1987	927	1,486
1988	848	1,578
1989	895	1,411
1990	853	1,493
1991	773	1,503
1992	718	1,448
1993	698	1,571
1994	684	1,403
1995	544	1,315
1996	506	1,310
1997	445	1,209
1998	502	1,310
1999	418	1,204
2000	425	1,238
2001	392	1,194
2002	378	1,193
2003	371	1,163
2004	385	1,159

Note: Due to refinements in the analysis, the data presented may differ from previous editions.

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Intimate Homicide Victims by Race and Gender

	White		Black		Other	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
1976	486	846	844	713	12	20
1977	475	826	803	569	5	17
1978	483	868	701	581	7	14
1979	534	883	711	594	10	13
1980	493	913	715	585	5	34
1981	547	950	700	587	18	27
1982	506	946	618	504	10	29
1983	508	909	593	513	10	37
1984	443	935	530	467	14	34
1985	427	1,005	518	492	11	48
1986	443	997	529	532	5	52
1987	417	960	498	486	8	35
1988	373	1,005	458	526	15	36
1989	369	880	509	473	10	42
1990	390	946	441	490	17	44
1991	354	918	410	518	7	55
1992	333	885	369	507	10	48
1993	327	982	358	540	12	43
1994	310	898	359	463	11	35
1995	250	869	285	387	7	50
1996	255	851	246	419	6	27
1997	233	753	202	401	9	40
1998	268	871	219	392	12	38
1999	216	804	188	336	11	58
2000	218	846	190	331	16	49
2001	200	797	180	343	11	50
2002	205	767	162	366	8	51
2003	204	781	158	333	7	45
2004	221	801	152	316	13	34

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	Male			Female		
	Intimate	Non-intimate or Unknown	Total	Intimate	Non-intimate or Unknown	Total
1976	9.5%	90.5%	100.0%	34.8%	65.2%	100.0%
1977	8.9%	91.1%	100.0%	30.4%	69.6%	100.0%
1978	8.0%	92.0%	100.0%	31.9%	68.1%	100.0%
1979	7.7%	92.3%	100.0%	30.0%	70.0%	100.0%
1980	6.8%	93.2%	100.0%	29.6%	70.4%	100.0%
1981	7.3%	92.7%	100.0%	30.7%	69.3%	100.0%
1982	7.1%	92.9%	100.0%	29.1%	70.9%	100.0%
1983	7.6%	92.4%	100.0%	31.1%	68.9%	100.0%
1984	7.1%	92.9%	100.0%	30.4%	69.6%	100.0%
1985	6.8%	93.2%	100.0%	31.7%	68.3%	100.0%
1986	6.3%	93.7%	100.0%	31.0%	69.0%	100.0%
1987	6.3%	93.7%	100.0%	28.2%	71.8%	100.0%
1988	5.5%	94.5%	100.0%	30.1%	69.9%	100.0%
1989	5.5%	94.5%	100.0%	27.8%	72.2%	100.0%
1990	4.7%	95.3%	100.0%	29.2%	70.8%	100.0%
1991	4.0%	96.0%	100.0%	27.9%	72.1%	100.0%
1992	3.9%	96.1%	100.0%	27.7%	72.3%	100.0%
1993	3.7%	96.3%	100.0%	28.3%	71.7%	100.0%
1994	3.7%	96.3%	100.0%	28.0%	72.0%	100.0%
1995	3.3%	96.7%	100.0%	26.2%	73.8%	100.0%
1996	3.3%	96.7%	100.0%	29.3%	70.7%	100.0%
1997	3.2%	96.8%	100.0%	29.3%	70.7%	100.0%
1998	3.9%	96.1%	100.0%	31.7%	68.3%	100.0%
1999	3.6%	96.4%	100.0%	31.7%	68.3%	100.0%
2000	3.6%	96.4%	100.0%	33.2%	66.8%	100.0%
2001	3.2%	96.8%	100.0%	31.6%	68.4%	100.0%
2002	3.0%	97.0%	100.0%	31.7%	68.3%	100.0%
2003	2.9%	97.1%	100.0%	31.5%	68.5%	100.0%
2004	3.1%	96.9%	100.0%	32.7%	67.3%	100.0%

Intimate Homicide Victims by Gender

	Male			Female		
	Intimate	Non-intimate or Unknown	Total	Intimate	Non-intimate or Unknown	Total
1976	1,348	12,823	14,171	1,596	2,994	4,590
1977	1,288	13,109	14,397	1,430	3,280	4,710
1978	1,193	13,703	14,895	1,480	3,162	4,642
1979	1,260	15,168	16,428	1,506	3,511	5,017
1980	1,217	16,571	17,788	1,546	3,686	5,232
1981	1,268	16,137	17,405	1,567	3,530	5,096
1982	1,135	14,767	15,902	1,480	3,612	5,093
1983	1,112	13,477	14,588	1,461	3,242	4,703
1984	988	12,923	13,910	1,439	3,302	4,741
1985	956	13,123	14,079	1,546	3,334	4,880
1986	979	14,491	15,471	1,584	3,525	5,109
1987	927	13,884	14,811	1,486	3,782	5,268
1988	848	14,566	15,414	1,578	3,661	5,238
1989	895	15,512	16,407	1,411	3,673	5,085
1990	853	17,451	18,304	1,493	3,622	5,115
1991	773	18,498	19,270	1,503	3,891	5,394
1992	718	17,796	18,513	1,448	3,770	5,217
1993	698	18,239	18,937	1,571	3,979	5,550
1994	684	17,611	18,294	1,403	3,605	5,007
1995	544	16,009	16,552	1,315	3,707	5,022
1996	506	14,647	15,153	1,310	3,159	4,469
1997	445	13,612	14,057	1,209	2,916	4,125
1998	502	12,251	12,753	1,310	2,829	4,139
1999	418	11,287	11,704	1,204	2,596	3,800
2000	425	11,393	11,818	1,238	2,495	3,733
2001	392	11,840	12,232	1,194	2,581	3,775
2002	378	12,032	12,410	1,193	2,571	3,764
2003	371	12,433	12,804	1,163	2,530	3,693
2004	385	12,171	12,556	1,159	2,382	3,541

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	Ex-Spouse	Boyfriend/Spouse	Girlfriend
1976	2,164	122	659
1977	2,006	110	602
1978	1,930	116	627
1979	1,938	145	683
1980	1,907	115	742
1981	1,934	135	766
1982	1,720	136	760
1983	1,675	127	770
1984	1,498	96	833
1985	1,580	111	810
1986	1,535	127	901
1987	1,479	94	839
1988	1,459	100	867
1989	1,320	77	909
1990	1,360	110	876
1991	1,279	82	915
1992	1,256	79	829
1993	1,219	94	958
1994	1,138	91	858
1995	1,019	60	780
1996	995	73	748
1997	858	72	723
1998	958	76	777
1999	824	62	735
2000	879	67	717
2001	825	55	708
2002	789	57	727
2003	736	61	737
2004	784	57	706

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Intimate Homicide Rates per 100,000 Population by Victim Race, Gender, and Relationship

	Spouse or Ex-spouse				Boyfriend/Girlfriend			
	White		Black		White		Black	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
1976	0.97	1.73	18.42	12.61	.68	1.70	12.96	10.69
1977	1.01	1.62	16.92	10.26	.72	1.53	11.68	7.83
1978	0.98	1.73	14.98	11.21	.61	1.64	10.63	7.46
1979	1.11	1.73	15.88	9.74	.63	1.72	9.63	8.66
1980	0.99	1.69	14.35	10.05	.72	2.33	9.62	8.01
1981	1.02	1.76	12.88	8.47	.67	1.83	8.87	8.28
1982	.84	1.76	10.80	7.07	.76	1.81	8.34	7.30
1983	.91	1.54	10.70	8.23	.63	1.84	7.49	6.84
1984	.65	1.56	8.37	5.90	.79	1.97	7.11	7.25
1985	.73	1.60	7.73	6.30	.64	2.05	7.17	6.79
1986	.70	1.53	7.72	6.75	.68	2.42	7.34	7.80
1987	.66	1.48	6.85	6.10	.64	2.16	6.97	6.09
1988	.55	1.51	6.69	6.21	.68	2.22	6.53	7.06
1989	.53	1.21	6.74	5.57	.62	2.24	6.66	6.73
1990	.54	1.39	5.77	5.84	.66	2.03	6.40	7.06
1991	.45	1.35	5.08	6.05	.69	2.01	5.62	7.16
1992	.56	1.29	4.55	6.09	.51	1.84	4.65	5.92
1993	.43	1.29	4.52	6.04	.60	2.46	4.96	6.70
1994	.46	1.40	4.75	4.13	.48	1.89	4.36	6.09
1995	.38	1.12	2.87	3.71	.36	2.27	3.87	5.00
1996	.37	1.15	2.39	3.91	.34	1.92	3.35	5.30
1997	.31	0.99	2.08	3.45	.44	1.91	2.50	4.75
1998	.28	1.21	1.84	4.09	.46	1.96	3.08	4.73
1999	.27	0.98	1.33	3.03	.36	2.05	2.79	3.82
2000	.27	1.12	1.29	2.85	.30	1.89	2.41	3.72
2001	.25	1.06	1.37	3.57	.29	1.94	2.60	3.68
2002	.20	1.02	1.15	3.61	.36	1.78	2.68	4.39
2003	.17	0.98	1.39	3.04	.39	1.85	2.12	3.92
2004	.24	0.98	1.12	2.76	.32	1.62	1.75	3.49

*Note: The homicide and population data are for persons ages 20-44. The number of married or divorced persons is the population base used to calculate spouse and ex-spouse rates and the number of never married or widowed persons is the population base used to calculate boyfriend/girlfriend rates. Due to refinements in the analysis, the data presented may differ from previous editions.

Source: FBI, Supplementary Homicide Reports, 1976-2004.

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by Weapon and Gender**

	Gun		Nongun	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
1976	965	1,119	383	477
1977	907	985	382	445
1978	829	1,013	364	467
1979	911	1,071	349	435
1980	841	1,074	376	472
1981	840	1,059	428	508
1982	716	1,006	419	474
1983	702	941	410	520
1984	606	951	381	488
1985	598	1,023	358	523
1986	627	1,017	352	567
1987	555	989	371	497
1988	474	1,013	374	565
1989	511	906	385	505
1990	480	961	373	532
1991	420	934	352	569
1992	399	934	319	514
1993	406	1,034	292	538
1994	392	915	292	488
1995	311	816	233	499
1996	279	835	227	475
1997	255	750	190	459
1998	254	801	247	509
1999	223	734	194	470
2000	217	729	209	509
2001	200	678	191	516
2002	169	694	209	499
2003	193	665	177	498
2004	179	607	206	551

Note: Due to refinements in the analysis, the data presented may differ from previous editions.

Source: FBI, Supplementary Homicide Reports, 1976-2004.

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Feloniouly Killed

Year	Total killed*
1973	134
1974	132
1975	129
1976	111
1977	93
1978	93
1979	106
1980	104
1981	91
1982	92
1983	80
1984	72
1985	78
1986	66
1987	74
1988	78
1989	66
1990	66
1991	71
1992	64
1993	70
1994	79
1995	74
1996	61
1997	71
1998	61
1999	42
2000	51
2001	70
2002	56
2003	52
2004	57

* The 72 deaths that resulted from the events of September 11, 2001 are not included in this total

Source: FBI, Law Enforcement Officers Killed and Assaulted, 1973-2004

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Law Enforcement Officers Feloniously Killed

Year	Total killed*	With handguns	With other guns	Other methods*
1973	134	93	34	7
1974	132	95	33	4
1975	129	93	34	2
1976	111	66	28	17
1977	93	59	24	10
1978	93	67	24	2
1979	106	76	24	6
1980	104	69	26	9
1981	91	69	17	5
1982	92	60	22	10
1983	80	54	20	6
1984	72	46	20	6
1985	78	58	12	8
1986	66	51	11	4
1987	74	49	18	7
1988	78	63	13	2
1989	66	40	17	9
1990	66	48	9	9
1991	71	50	18	3
1992	64	44	11	9
1993	70	50	17	3
1994	79	66	12	1
1995	74	43	19	12
1996	61	50	7	4
1997	71	49	18	3
1998	61	40	18	3
1999	42	25	16	1
2000	51	33	14	4
2001	70	46	15	9
2002	56	38	13	5
2003	52	34	11	7
2004	57	36	18	3

* The 72 deaths that resulted from the events of September 11, 2001 are not included in these totals

Source: FBI, Law Enforcement Officers Killed and Assaulted, 1973-2004

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Multiple victims and offenders[Contents of Homicide trends in the U.S.](#)[To the chart based on these data](#) | [Download spreadsheet version \(.csv file\)](#)**Percent of Homicides with Multiple Offenders and Victims**

	Offenders	Victims
1976	11.5	3.1
1977	11.2	3.3
1978	11.6	3.1
1979	12.3	3.0
1980	11.8	3.0
1981	11.9	2.9
1982	12.3	3.2
1983	12.1	3.2
1984	12.0	3.2
1985	12.1	3.6
1986	12.4	3.5
1987	12.6	3.5
1988	15.5	3.3
1989	15.0	3.6
1990	17.4	3.6
1991	18.6	3.1
1992	17.5	3.9
1993	18.0	3.8
1994	18.3	4.2
1995	18.2	4.0
1996	18.9	4.0
1997	18.0	4.3
1998	18.4	4.1
1999	17.6	4.8
2000	19.3	4.3
2001	19.1	4.5
2002	18.8	4.9
2003	17.6	4.9
2004	18.7	4.5

Source: FBI, Supplementary Homicide Reports, 1976-2004.

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	Number of Victims in Offense				
	1	2	3	4	5+
1976	96.96%	2.45%	.37%	.13%	.09%
1977	96.59%	2.76%	.43%	.18%	.05%
1978	96.79%	2.56%	.47%	.11%	.07%
1979	96.83%	2.53%	.39%	.17%	.09%
1980	96.80%	2.68%	.31%	.13%	.08%
1981	96.83%	2.68%	.33%	.08%	.08%
1982	96.57%	2.78%	.39%	.15%	.11%
1983	96.75%	2.75%	.34%	.12%	.04%
1984	96.80%	2.72%	.30%	.07%	.11%
1985	96.27%	3.07%	.52%	.08%	.07%
1986	96.70%	2.84%	.32%	.09%	.05%
1987	96.48%	2.92%	.47%	.05%	.07%
1988	96.82%	2.66%	.32%	.13%	.07%
1989	96.66%	2.73%	.42%	.15%	.04%
1990	96.81%	2.62%	.38%	.12%	.07%
1991	96.86%	2.67%	.31%	.12%	.05%
1992	96.17%	3.24%	.41%	.12%	.06%
1993	96.38%	3.00%	.43%	.13%	.05%
1994	95.99%	3.48%	.40%	.09%	.03%
1995	95.99%	3.27%	.50%	.11%	.14%
1996	96.04%	3.38%	.46%	.09%	.04%
1997	95.86%	3.41%	.53%	.12%	.07%
1998	96.06%	3.30%	.48%	.10%	.05%
1999	95.46%	3.77%	.50%	.15%	.11%
2000	95.93%	3.41%	.48%	.12%	.06%
2001	95.55%	3.78%	.53%	.10%	.04%
2002	95.32%	3.84%	.62%	.16%	.07%
2003	95.15%	3.98%	.57%	.18%	.11%
2004	95.62%	3.68%	.50%	.13%	.07%

Victims per Homicide Incident

	Number of Victims in Offense				
	1	2	3	4	5+
1976	17,492	442	67	24	16
1977	17,695	505	78	33	8
1978	18,166	481	89	21	13
1979	19,936	521	80	34	18
1980	21,426	593	70	30	17
1981	20,970	579	71	18	18
1982	19,392	557	79	30	22
1983	17,963	511	63	22	8
1984	17,373	488	53	13	19
1985	17,457	556	94	15	12
1986	19,157	562	63	18	11
1987	18,575	563	91	10	13
1988	19,250	528	63	26	14
1989	19,940	564	86	31	8
1990	21,773	590	84	28	15
1991	23,026	634	73	30	11
1992	21,828	735	94	28	13
1993	22,618	705	102	30	13
1994	21,390	776	90	19	7
1995	19,637	669	101	22	29
1996	18,022	635	86	16	7
1997	16,592	591	92	21	13
1998	15,552	535	78	17	8
1999	14,007	554	74	21	17
2000	14,236	505	72	18	9
2001	14,549	576	81	15	6
2002	14,587	587	94	24	11
2003	14,798	619	89	29	17
2004	14,635	564	76	19	11

Source: FBI, Supplementary Homicide Reports, 1976-2004.

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	Offender Age		
	14-17	18-24	25+
1976	26.4	19.2	6.2
1977	25.0	17.9	6.5
1978	24.6	18.4	6.7
1979	26.6	19.5	7.0
1980	23.9	18.2	7.2
1981	27.1	19.2	6.9
1982	30.6	18.8	7.4
1983	25.3	19.3	7.5
1984	26.3	18.8	7.7
1985	27.4	18.9	7.6
1986	26.5	19.6	7.7
1987	24.5	19.6	7.8
1988	29.1	23.6	9.4
1989	28.5	22.2	8.9
1990	32.2	25.2	9.8
1991	31.6	26.3	10.5
1992	29.6	25.4	9.5
1993	30.9	24.9	9.1
1994	31.8	24.5	9.5
1995	31.9	24.8	9.9
1996	33.8	26.9	9.6
1997	31.9	24.9	10.0
1998	31.1	26.4	10.6
1999	29.6	24.3	10.9
2000	31.6	27.7	11.7
2001	34.8	27.2	11.3
2002	33.8	26.6	11.7
2003	33.8	25.1	10.7
2004	34.8	25.9	12.0

Source: FBI, Supplementary Homicide Reports, 1976-2004.

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	One Victim		Multiple Victims	
	Gun	Nongun	Gun	Nongun
1976	63.4%	36.6%	68.9%	31.1%
1977	62.2%	37.8%	66.4%	33.6%
1978	63.3%	36.7%	67.9%	32.1%
1979	63.0%	37.0%	67.8%	32.2%
1980	62.2%	37.8%	65.9%	34.1%
1981	61.8%	38.2%	71.2%	28.8%
1982	59.5%	40.5%	68.4%	31.6%
1983	57.7%	42.3%	66.9%	33.1%
1984	58.3%	41.7%	67.6%	32.4%
1985	58.0%	42.0%	66.1%	33.9%
1986	58.6%	41.4%	65.4%	34.6%
1987	58.3%	41.7%	68.7%	31.3%
1988	60.3%	39.7%	65.2%	34.8%
1989	62.0%	38.0%	67.9%	32.1%
1990	64.1%	35.9%	67.4%	32.6%
1991	65.7%	34.3%	74.2%	25.8%
1992	67.6%	32.4%	74.9%	25.1%
1993	68.9%	31.1%	77.9%	22.1%
1994	69.5%	30.5%	75.7%	24.3%
1995	67.9%	32.1%	70.9%	29.1%
1996	66.6%	33.4%	77.4%	22.6%
1997	66.7%	33.3%	78.8%	21.2%
1998	63.6%	36.4%	78.6%	21.4%
1999	64.0%	36.0%	76.5%	23.5%
2000	64.2%	35.8%	79.0%	21.0%
2001	62.0%	38.0%	75.1%	24.9%
2002	65.7%	34.3%	76.3%	23.7%
2003	65.8%	34.2%	76.4%	23.6%
2004	65.2%	34.8%	73.5%	26.5%

Source: FBI, Supplementary Homicide Reports, 1976-2004.

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Homicide Victims by Circumstance

	Felony	Argument	Gang	Other	Unknown
1976	3,327	9,106	129	4,630	1,588
1977	3,189	8,929	180	4,112	2,709
1978	3,262	8,950	194	4,447	2,706
1979	3,623	9,237	264	4,534	3,803
1980	4,070	10,299	221	4,963	3,486
1981	3,882	9,519	280	4,835	4,005
1982	3,721	8,613	238	4,322	4,116
1983	3,479	8,469	260	3,058	4,044
1984	3,382	8,211	223	2,708	4,166
1985	3,388	8,284	288	2,690	4,329
1986	3,992	8,602	357	3,015	4,644
1987	3,935	8,087	395	2,678	5,005
1988	3,932	7,872	428	3,010	5,437
1989	4,593	8,433	678	2,709	5,086
1990	4,867	8,988	905	2,867	5,812
1991	5,283	8,806	1,192	3,027	6,393
1992	5,143	7,950	994	3,110	6,563
1993	4,721	8,309	1,362	3,403	6,735
1994	4,303	7,529	1,340	3,622	6,536
1995	3,829	6,753	1,331	3,451	6,246
1996	3,690	6,620	1,091	2,331	5,918
1997	3,413	6,103	999	1,888	5,807
1998	2,998	5,845	834	2,048	5,245
1999	2,642	4,993	837	2,455	4,594
2000	2,626	4,988	846	2,331	4,795
2001	2,694	4,840	1,071	2,246	5,187
2002	2,656	4,752	1,119	2,371	5,305
2003	2,702	4,974	1,069	2,172	5,611
2004	2,388	4,941	1,025	2,143	5,640

Source: FBI, Supplementary Homicide Reports, 1976-2004.

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Percent Gun Use by Circumstance Type

	Felony		Argument		Gang		Other		Unknown	
	Gun	Nongun	Gun	Nongun	Gun	Nongun	Gun	Nongun	Gun	Nongun
1976	59.7%	40.3%	70.2%	29.8%	69.1%	30.9%	62.1%	37.9%	61.1%	38.9%
1977	57.9%	42.1%	68.5%	31.5%	73.2%	26.8%	59.9%	40.1%	64.1%	35.9%
1978	61.9%	38.1%	68.7%	31.3%	84.3%	15.7%	61.5%	38.5%	63.5%	36.5%
1979	60.0%	40.0%	69.4%	30.6%	85.9%	14.1%	62.4%	37.6%	60.7%	39.3%
1980	60.2%	39.8%	68.1%	31.9%	73.2%	26.8%	61.4%	38.6%	63.0%	37.0%
1981	58.5%	41.5%	67.5%	32.5%	77.7%	22.3%	62.4%	37.6%	64.5%	35.5%
1982	56.3%	43.7%	65.6%	34.4%	86.9%	13.1%	57.8%	42.2%	62.6%	37.4%
1983	55.0%	45.0%	62.6%	37.4%	83.9%	16.1%	56.0%	44.0%	60.9%	39.1%
1984	56.0%	44.0%	62.9%	37.1%	79.9%	20.1%	57.7%	42.3%	62.4%	37.6%
1985	55.2%	44.8%	63.5%	36.5%	83.4%	16.6%	54.8%	45.2%	62.6%	37.4%
1986	56.1%	43.9%	63.4%	36.6%	85.8%	14.2%	55.9%	44.1%	63.2%	36.8%
1987	57.1%	42.9%	63.1%	36.9%	92.4%	7.6%	57.9%	42.1%	61.6%	38.4%
1988	57.9%	42.1%	62.6%	37.4%	90.3%	9.7%	59.0%	41.0%	66.4%	33.6%
1989	64.3%	35.7%	64.1%	35.9%	92.6%	7.4%	59.3%	40.7%	65.4%	34.6%
1990	68.2%	31.8%	63.3%	36.7%	92.7%	7.3%	60.4%	39.6%	69.7%	30.3%
1991	70.9%	29.1%	65.8%	34.2%	92.4%	7.6%	58.8%	41.2%	72.3%	27.7%
1992	71.7%	28.3%	68.2%	31.8%	94.2%	5.8%	62.6%	37.4%	76.2%	23.8%
1993	74.7%	25.3%	69.5%	30.5%	95.1%	4.9%	65.1%	34.9%	76.7%	23.3%
1994	75.5%	24.5%	69.9%	30.1%	94.8%	5.2%	65.5%	34.5%	76.7%	23.3%
1995	72.1%	27.9%	67.1%	32.9%	96.6%	3.4%	61.6%	38.4%	76.4%	23.6%
1996	72.0%	28.0%	66.8%	33.2%	93.3%	6.7%	62.7%	37.3%	73.3%	26.7%
1997	74.1%	25.9%	66.4%	33.6%	95.3%	4.7%	59.8%	40.2%	74.2%	25.8%
1998	71.6%	28.4%	64.2%	35.8%	94.9%	5.1%	59.4%	40.6%	72.9%	27.1%
1999	70.6%	29.4%	62.8%	37.2%	93.5%	6.5%	62.3%	37.7%	73.2%	26.8%
2000	71.5%	28.5%	62.7%	37.3%	95.8%	4.2%	62.6%	37.4%	74.8%	25.2%
2001	73.9%	26.1%	61.1%	38.9%	95.1%	4.9%	55.9%	44.1%	75.6%	24.4%
2002	75.4%	24.6%	63.2%	36.8%	96.5%	3.5%	59.2%	40.8%	76.1%	23.9%
2003	74.4%	25.6%	62.8%	37.2%	96.8%	3.2%	57.4%	42.6%	76.4%	23.6%
2004	74.5%	25.5%	61.1%	38.9%	94.4%	5.6%	57.7%	42.3%	77.0%	23.0%

Trends in Weapon and Circumstance Type

	Felony		Argument		Gang		Other		Unknown	
	Gun	Nongun	Gun	Nongun	Gun	Nongun	Gun	Nongun	Gun	Nongun
1976	1,934	1,306	6,354	2,692	86	38	2,709	1,650	897	570
1977	1,807	1,316	6,069	2,789	130	48	2,323	1,552	1,624	911
1978	1,969	1,211	6,103	2,778	163	30	2,590	1,620	1,623	932
1979	2,122	1,417	6,369	2,808	223	36	2,712	1,632	2,165	1,402
1980	2,385	1,579	6,946	3,258	161	59	2,853	1,793	2,042	1,198
1981	2,222	1,577	6,370	3,068	216	62	2,870	1,727	2,385	1,315
1982	2,049	1,587	5,602	2,939	207	31	2,388	1,740	2,393	1,428
1983	1,868	1,527	5,263	3,140	215	41	1,628	1,280	2,294	1,472
1984	1,855	1,455	5,115	3,020	177	44	1,491	1,093	2,380	1,433
1985	1,820	1,476	5,203	2,995	239	48	1,384	1,140	2,492	1,489
1986	2,182	1,709	5,403	3,114	305	50	1,617	1,276	2,674	1,555
1987	2,173	1,636	5,044	2,948	365	30	1,473	1,072	2,820	1,759
1988	2,230	1,620	4,881	2,910	385	41	1,689	1,175	3,351	1,698
1989	2,876	1,598	5,342	2,995	621	50	1,511	1,037	3,072	1,626
1990	3,236	1,510	5,604	3,254	836	66	1,633	1,070	3,762	1,634
1991	3,638	1,494	5,709	2,970	1,094	90	1,657	1,162	4,280	1,641
1992	3,581	1,416	5,336	2,490	934	58	1,827	1,090	4,522	1,414
1993	3,410	1,155	5,661	2,486	1,288	67	2,043	1,093	4,674	1,418
1994	3,175	1,029	5,178	2,230	1,262	69	2,191	1,151	4,530	1,375
1995	2,670	1,034	4,453	2,186	1,283	45	2,000	1,249	4,324	1,333
1996	2,586	1,006	4,336	2,156	1,012	73	1,360	810	3,970	1,448
1997	2,468	862	3,968	2,004	950	47	1,046	704	3,904	1,357
1998	2,066	820	3,649	2,034	786	42	1,117	764	3,394	1,260
1999	1,801	749	3,061	1,812	772	54	1,413	853	3,070	1,121
2000	1,806	719	3,028	1,799	796	35	1,338	799	3,235	1,090
2001	1,744	617	2,828	1,804	908	47	1,091	861	3,568	1,150
2002	1,892	616	2,908	1,697	1,067	39	1,278	881	3,678	1,155
2003	1,923	663	3,018	1,785	1,033	34	1,139	844	3,940	1,214
2004	1,708	584	2,925	1,862	963	57	1,140	835	3,918	1,168

Source: FBI, Supplementary Homicide Reports, 1976-2004.

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	Handgun	Other gun	Knife	Blunt object	Other weapon
1976	8,651	3,328	3,343	912	2,546
1977	8,563	3,391	3,648	900	2,618
1978	8,879	3,569	3,685	937	2,490
1979	9,858	3,732	4,121	1,039	2,710
1980	10,552	3,834	4,439	1,153	3,061
1981	10,324	3,740	4,364	1,166	2,927
1982	9,137	3,501	4,383	1,032	2,957
1983	8,472	2,794	4,214	1,098	2,731
1984	8,183	2,835	3,956	1,090	2,626
1985	8,165	2,973	3,996	1,051	2,794
1986	9,054	3,126	4,235	1,176	3,018
1987	8,781	3,094	4,076	1,169	2,980
1988	9,375	3,162	3,978	1,296	2,869
1989	10,225	3,197	3,923	1,279	2,877
1990	11,677	3,395	4,077	1,254	3,037
1991	13,101	3,277	3,909	1,252	3,161
1992	13,158	3,043	3,447	1,088	3,024
1993	13,981	3,094	3,140	1,082	3,233
1994	13,496	2,840	2,960	963	3,071
1995	12,050	2,679	2,731	981	3,169
1996	10,731	2,533	2,691	917	2,777
1997	9,705	2,631	2,363	833	2,678
1998	8,844	2,168	2,257	896	2,805
1999	7,943	2,174	2,042	902	2,461
2000	7,985	2,218	2,099	727	2,556
2001	7,900	2,239	2,090	776	3,032
2002	8,286	2,538	2,018	773	2,588
2003	8,830	2,223	2,085	745	2,645
2004	8,299	2,355	2,132	759	2,593

Source: FBI, Supplementary Homicide Reports, 1976-2004.

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Homicides by Weapon and Age of Offender

	Under 14		14-17		18-24		25+	
	Gun	Nongun	Gun	Nongun	Gun	Nongun	Gun	Nongun
1976	56	50	1,070	833	3,768	2,613	8,262	3,700
1977	52	52	1,097	675	3,696	2,765	8,000	4,051
1978	83	41	936	774	4,226	2,653	8,333	3,936
1979	49	45	1,154	842	4,714	3,040	9,064	4,277
1980	55	56	1,208	879	5,205	3,634	10,012	5,151
1981	53	33	1,178	762	4,632	3,313	9,649	4,856
1982	35	59	962	771	4,072	3,361	8,683	4,937
1983	42	42	862	696	3,667	3,087	7,861	4,751
1984	37	36	794	565	3,545	2,915	7,652	4,792
1985	57	40	954	591	3,649	2,738	7,634	4,708
1986	64	34	1,104	748	4,031	2,880	8,201	5,117
1987	58	60	1,213	654	4,192	2,786	7,605	5,136
1988	56	50	1,676	744	4,818	2,729	7,705	5,054
1989	82	47	1,973	662	5,649	2,731	7,431	5,132
1990	57	43	2,616	812	6,733	2,958	7,806	5,440
1991	101	41	2,947	828	8,244	3,003	7,731	5,371
1992	97	53	3,111	714	7,856	2,392	7,459	4,866
1993	123	44	3,540	778	8,559	2,623	7,237	4,731
1994	159	50	3,630	753	8,279	2,244	6,862	4,513
1995	107	43	2,906	749	7,395	2,203	6,292	4,515
1996	64	35	2,344	780	6,968	2,270	5,697	4,251
1997	49	56	2,094	585	6,332	2,066	5,487	3,934
1998	62	42	1,551	579	5,631	2,250	5,046	4,159
1999	47	44	1,235	500	5,244	1,954	4,643	3,736
2000	30	43	1,085	446	5,369	2,040	4,840	3,886
2001	19	33	1,019	493	5,442	2,257	4,780	4,122
2002	37	28	1,022	455	5,422	2,025	5,326	3,933
2003	44	35	1,084	390	5,361	2,157	5,177	4,167
2004	41	43	1,059	485	5,257	1,964	5,165	4,184

Source: FBI, Supplementary Homicide Reports, 1976-2004.

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Involving Guns by Victim
Age

Age of Victim	Gun	Nongun
0	4.0%	96.0%
1	7.5%	92.5%
2	11.7%	88.3%
3	17.0%	83.0%
4	22.9%	77.1%
5	28.1%	71.9%
6	34.1%	65.9%
7	35.3%	64.7%
8	36.9%	63.1%
9	40.4%	59.6%
10	45.5%	54.5%
11	48.7%	51.3%
12	54.4%	45.6%
13	60.9%	39.1%
14	69.5%	30.5%
15	73.4%	26.6%
16	76.1%	23.9%
17	77.1%	22.9%
18	76.7%	23.3%
19	76.8%	23.2%
20	75.0%	25.0%
21	75.2%	24.8%
22	74.7%	25.3%
23	73.5%	26.5%
24	73.3%	26.7%
25	72.6%	27.4%
26	71.7%	28.3%
27	71.2%	28.8%
28	70.7%	29.3%
29	69.5%	30.5%
30	68.0%	32.0%
31	69.5%	30.5%
32	68.5%	31.5%
33	68.2%	31.8%
34	66.9%	33.1%
35	65.4%	34.6%
36	65.6%	34.4%
37	65.2%	34.8%
38	65.1%	34.9%
39	64.4%	35.6%
40	62.0%	38.0%
41	63.2%	36.8%
42	63.0%	37.0%
43	63.3%	36.7%
44	62.3%	37.7%
45	61.4%	38.6%
46	61.6%	38.4%
47	59.9%	40.1%
48	60.4%	39.6%
49	59.2%	40.8%
50	57.6%	42.4%
51	57.8%	42.2%
52	57.3%	42.7%
53	57.0%	43.0%
54	56.1%	43.9%
55	55.1%	44.9%
56	54.2%	45.8%
57	55.8%	44.2%
58	53.0%	47.0%
59	53.3%	46.7%
60	52.3%	47.7%
61	51.3%	48.7%
62	51.3%	48.7%
63	48.9%	51.1%
64	47.8%	52.2%
65	45.1%	54.9%
66	47.2%	52.8%
67	47.0%	53.0%
68	44.8%	55.2%
69	44.3%	55.7%
70	40.8%	59.2%
71	40.4%	59.6%
72	38.6%	61.4%
73	38.5%	61.5%
74	35.1%	64.9%
75	32.4%	67.6%
76	35.6%	64.4%
77	32.6%	67.4%
78	30.8%	69.2%
79	30.6%	69.4%
80	25.2%	74.8%
81	25.5%	74.5%
82	26.0%	74.0%
83	24.8%	75.2%
84	22.6%	77.4%
85	20.9%	79.1%
86	21.6%	78.4%
87	18.6%	81.4%
88	14.8%	85.2%
89	23.4%	76.6%
90	16.8%	83.2%

Source: FBI, Supplementary Homicide Reports, 1976-2004.

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	NE	MA	ENC	WNC	SA	ESC	WSC	MT	PA	US Total
1976	3.2	8.2	8.5	4.6	10.9	12.2	11.3	7.1	8.9	8.7
1977	3.3	8.0	7.8	5.1	10.3	11.9	12.6	7.4	9.9	8.8
1978	3.6	8.0	7.9	5.1	10.9	10.9	13.2	7.8	10.1	9.0
1979	3.5	9.0	8.5	5.4	11.7	11.1	15.1	7.9	11.0	9.8
1980	3.9	9.6	8.8	5.6	11.9	11.6	15.2	8.5	12.3	10.2
1981	4.1	9.3	8.2	5.2	12.2	10.5	14.8	7.3	11.0	9.8
1982	3.8	8.6	7.3	4.8	10.9	10.7	14.7	7.3	9.7	9.1
1983	3.3	7.9	7.3	4.3	9.1	9.6	12.8	6.5	9.1	8.3
1984	3.2	7.4	7.0	3.8	9.4	8.5	11.9	6.3	9.1	7.9
1985	3.3	7.1	7.1	4.3	9.3	9.1	11.6	6.6	9.2	8.0
1986	3.5	8.0	7.5	4.7	9.8	9.7	12.4	7.7	9.9	8.6
1987	3.4	8.1	7.7	4.5	10.0	9.1	10.9	6.3	9.4	8.3
1988	3.8	8.8	7.4	4.3	10.0	9.6	11.3	6.6	9.1	8.5
1989	4.4	9.0	7.7	4.3	11.0	9.1	11.7	5.3	9.4	8.7
1990	3.9	10.2	8.0	4.4	11.6	10.2	13.5	6.0	10.1	9.4
1991	4.4	9.9	8.8	6.0	12.2	10.4	14.2	6.5	10.7	9.8
1992	3.7	9.3	8.6	5.4	10.6	9.7	12.5	6.6	10.8	9.3
1993	4.1	9.6	8.3	5.8	10.9	10.3	12.7	6.7	11.1	9.5
1994	3.9	8.2	8.4	5.2	10.1	10.3	12.0	7.6	10.1	9.0
1995	3.5	7.1	7.6	4.9	9.1	10.4	10.8	7.3	9.5	8.2
1996	3.0	6.2	7.0	4.6	8.2	9.2	9.3	7.4	7.8	7.4
1997	2.5	5.6	6.8	4.2	8.6	9.4	8.5	6.3	6.8	6.8
1998	2.6	4.9	6.7	4.0	7.7	8.0	7.8	6.6	5.8	6.3
1999	2.5	4.6	5.9	3.9	7.0	6.7	6.9	6.1	5.2	5.7
2000	2.3	4.7	5.5	4.1	6.7	7.0	6.9	4.9	5.1	5.5
2001	2.4	4.9	5.9	3.5	6.3	7.4	6.9	5.6	5.3	5.6
2002	2.4	4.7	5.8	3.2	6.8	6.7	6.9	5.7	5.5	5.6
2003	2.3	5.0	5.5	3.3	6.9	6.5	7.4	5.8	5.5	5.7
2004	2.5	4.8	5.2	3.5	6.7	4.9	7.0	6.0	5.4	5.5

Source: FBI, Supplementary Homicide Reports, 1976-2004.

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	NE	MA	ENC	WNC	SA	ESC	WSC	MT	PA	US Total
1976	1.6	4.0	5.7	2.9	7.5	9.2	8.3	4.3	4.8	5.6
1977	1.5	4.1	5.1	3.4	6.9	8.9	8.8	4.3	5.5	5.5
1978	1.8	4.2	5.3	3.5	7.3	8.3	9.4	4.9	5.7	5.7
1979	1.5	4.8	5.5	3.6	7.9	8.4	10.7	4.6	6.4	6.2
1980	1.9	5.3	5.5	3.5	7.9	8.6	10.4	4.7	7.2	6.4
1981	1.9	5.1	5.2	3.3	8.1	7.5	10.2	4.3	6.3	6.1
1982	1.7	4.6	4.4	2.9	7.0	7.5	9.7	4.0	5.3	5.5
1983	1.5	4.1	4.4	2.4	5.5	6.5	8.5	3.4	4.9	4.8
1984	1.3	3.9	4.2	2.1	5.9	5.7	7.6	3.1	5.1	4.7
1985	1.5	3.7	4.2	2.6	5.7	5.9	7.5	3.5	5.0	4.7
1986	1.6	4.0	4.6	2.7	6.0	6.7	8.1	4.2	5.4	5.1
1987	1.6	4.5	4.4	2.5	6.2	6.2	6.9	3.4	5.4	4.9
1988	1.8	5.2	4.4	2.3	6.3	6.4	7.3	3.7	5.4	5.1
1989	2.3	5.6	4.6	2.3	7.1	6.3	7.7	2.8	5.9	5.4
1990	2.1	6.3	5.2	2.6	7.5	7.0	9.0	3.4	6.6	6.0
1991	2.4	6.6	5.9	3.5	8.2	7.4	9.7	3.7	7.2	6.5
1992	2.1	6.5	5.8	3.3	7.2	6.2	9.1	3.9	7.6	6.4
1993	2.4	6.7	5.9	3.8	7.4	7.0	9.3	4.2	7.9	6.6
1994	2.6	5.4	5.9	3.2	6.8	7.6	9.1	5.1	7.4	6.3
1995	2.1	4.7	5.3	3.3	6.1	7.3	7.3	4.9	6.7	5.6
1996	1.7	4.0	4.9	2.9	5.5	6.6	6.4	4.7	5.3	5.0
1997	1.4	3.5	4.7	2.6	6.0	6.8	5.9	3.9	4.7	4.6
1998	1.3	2.9	4.7	2.4	5.0	5.1	5.3	4.3	3.8	4.1
1999	1.5	2.8	4.0	2.1	4.9	4.6	4.4	3.9	3.4	3.7
2000	1.3	3.0	3.6	2.5	4.6	4.6	4.5	3.1	3.4	3.6
2001	1.3	3.0	3.2	2.0	4.2	4.9	4.4	3.5	3.6	3.6
2002	1.3	3.0	4.0	1.9	4.7	4.4	4.5	3.7	3.9	3.8
2003	1.1	3.2	3.9	2.0	4.7	4.4	4.9	3.7	3.8	3.8
2004	1.3	3.0	3.5	2.2	4.4	3.1	4.8	3.8	3.8	3.6

Source: FBI, Supplementary Homicide Reports, 1976-2004.

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	NE	MA	ENC	WNC	SA	ESC	WSC	MT	PA	US Total
1976	1.3	5.4	9.4	4.3	5.9	5.5	5.5	4.1	7.8	6.4
1977	1.1	5.7	8.2	3.3	7.7	6.8	7.3	3.1	9.0	6.6
1978	1.4	5.0	6.5	3.1	5.7	5.8	7.3	5.0	7.6	5.7
1979	1.8	8.3	8.2	3.7	5.8	5.1	7.2	2.9	11.6	7.1
1980	1.7	7.0	6.3	3.2	5.8	5.4	8.5	6.1	17.1	7.5
1981	1.5	7.5	7.2	2.8	5.3	4.8	7.8	2.6	15.6	7.4
1982	3.3	6.1	6.8	3.7	4.3	2.9	5.8	5.2	10.5	6.2
1983	1.6	7.2	5.7	2.9	3.6	4.6	6.4	2.7	9.5	5.7
1984	1.2	5.4	6.3	2.0	4.2	4.0	7.4	4.5	8.9	5.3
1985	4.3	5.5	6.3	1.8	7.8	6.4	7.9	2.3	9.9	6.5
1986	2.9	7.9	8.6	2.4	7.2	6.6	8.6	6.1	11.4	7.6
1987	2.8	9.0	9.0	3.3	8.4	5.3	7.6	2.7	14.1	8.4
1988	7.1	14.5	10.1	2.6	9.6	8.8	15.1	5.6	16.6	11.6
1989	8.0	14.2	13.3	5.8	15.2	9.9	16.0	4.1	22.5	13.9
1990	11.2	22.2	19.6	6.0	17.0	11.9	25.3	6.7	29.3	19.6
1991	8.3	22.0	23.0	11.4	24.5	21.0	28.9	7.1	29.1	22.0
1992	12.8	22.4	22.8	11.3	24.8	15.0	34.6	9.3	29.7	22.8
1993	12.4	22.2	27.6	17.3	27.6	18.0	37.0	12.5	33.0	25.7
1994	9.4	21.2	29.9	15.0	24.0	21.8	37.8	17.4	31.5	25.8
1995	6.5	14.5	24.2	12.0	19.2	17.1	27.5	13.3	27.2	20.0
1996	5.9	11.6	22.2	7.2	13.4	15.0	20.7	13.9	17.2	15.8
1997	6.2	9.2	18.9	6.5	18.0	14.8	15.5	8.5	14.6	13.7
1998	1.8	8.1	11.5	6.3	9.3	10.6	11.8	9.5	11.9	10.0
1999	4.4	6.8	8.3	2.4	12.3	11.4	8.2	6.8	7.1	7.9
2000	2.2	4.6	7.9	5.2	8.7	4.7	8.4	4.2	7.6	6.7
2001	2.2	3.9	6.2	3.0	9.7	7.4	5.9	4.7	6.9	6.3
2002	2.3	4.6	6.1	2.4	8.9	6.0	4.7	3.9	9.4	6.2
2003	2.8	5.0	7.0	1.6	8.3	7.3	8.3	7.0	6.5	6.5
2004	0.4	5.9	6.7	4.9	6.6	4.6	7.2	5.0	8.2	6.2

Source: FBI, Supplementary Homicide Reports, 1976-2004.

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	Large city	Small city	Suburban	Rural
1976	9,860	2,297	3,954	2,669
1977	10,398	2,203	3,836	2,683
1978	10,563	2,341	3,963	2,692
1979	11,825	2,469	4,362	2,805
1980	12,605	2,609	4,845	2,982
1981	12,615	2,413	4,866	2,626
1982	11,117	2,492	4,847	2,554
1983	10,855	2,148	4,190	2,117
1984	10,187	2,042	4,350	2,110
1985	10,159	2,141	4,482	2,198
1986	11,622	2,252	4,610	2,127
1987	11,021	2,208	4,725	2,146
1988	12,191	2,213	4,221	2,055
1989	12,913	2,300	4,214	2,073
1990	14,078	2,478	4,597	2,287
1991	15,247	2,748	4,533	2,172
1992	14,402	2,437	5,025	1,896
1993	14,989	2,632	5,030	1,879
1994	14,008	2,882	4,762	1,678
1995	12,975	2,539	4,288	1,807
1996	11,573	2,368	3,940	1,768
1997	10,848	2,123	3,557	1,682
1998	9,594	2,134	3,638	1,604
1999	8,967	1,904	3,173	1,478
2000	9,048	1,974	3,030	1,534
2001	9,399	1,947	3,182	1,509
2002	9,343	1,973	3,419	1,469
2003	9,574	2,009	3,744	1,201
2004	9,123	1,980	3,664	1,369

Source: FBI, Supplementary Homicide Reports, 1976-2004.

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	One Million and over	500K - 999K	250K - 499K	100K - 249K
1976	20.9	19.5	16.5	11.3
1977	24.1	18.1	16.4	11.6
1978	25.4	19.4	16.7	11.0
1979	28.8	21.7	18.6	12.0
1980	30.9	21.3	22.1	13.0
1981	28.2	22.2	22.0	14.3
1982	26.5	19.4	19.1	12.8
1983	27.0	17.2	16.3	10.7
1984	25.5	18.5	16.1	11.7
1985	24.8	17.9	17.2	11.4
1986	24.1	18.4	19.8	12.7
1987	22.9	20.1	16.3	11.7
1988	28.2	20.3	17.7	12.7
1989	28.8	23.8	18.3	13.2
1990	31.9	24.6	21.7	14.1
1991	35.5	24.1	22.4	14.9
1992	31.1	22.9	20.1	13.2
1993	29.9	22.5	25.1	14.6
1994	26.3	19.7	24.0	15.0
1995	22.3	21.1	24.3	13.2
1996	21.6	15.7	21.1	11.9
1997	19.3	18.1	19.1	12.0
1998	16.2	17.8	16.6	11.2
1999	15.5	16.6	15.3	9.5
2000	14.8	15.0	14.1	9.6
2001	15.1	14.6	15.2	9.7
2002	14.2	14.2	15.6	9.2
2003	14.4	14.1	15.6	9.8
2004	13.2	14.1	15.0	9.2

Homicide Victimization for Cities over 100,000 Population by Population Group

	One Million and over	500K - 999K	250K - 499K	100K - 249K
1976	3,792	2,415	1,959	1,694
1977	4,382	2,327	1,820	1,868
1978	4,526	2,296	1,957	1,784
1979	5,093	2,691	2,154	1,886
1980	5,386	2,475	2,686	2,058
1981	4,969	2,696	2,617	2,333
1982	4,268	2,392	2,354	2,104
1983	4,827	2,151	2,079	1,798
1984	3,802	2,211	2,172	2,002
1985	3,678	2,154	2,329	1,998
1986	4,826	1,969	2,659	2,168
1987	4,626	2,143	2,200	2,052
1988	5,720	2,360	2,078	2,032
1989	5,554	2,894	2,288	2,177
1990	6,372	2,512	2,843	2,351
1991	7,171	2,630	2,919	2,526
1992	6,342	2,793	2,798	2,470
1993	6,346	2,514	3,346	2,782
1994	5,614	2,435	3,086	2,867
1995	4,475	2,708	3,148	2,645
1996	4,816	1,641	2,768	2,349
1997	4,343	1,878	2,329	2,298
1998	3,498	1,960	2,039	2,097
1999	3,379	2,005	1,822	1,761
2000	3,541	1,881	1,699	1,926
2001	3,676	1,940	1,816	1,968
2002	3,512	1,907	1,929	1,995
2003	3,544	1,959	1,896	2,175
2004	3,274	1,957	1,886	2,006

Source: FBI, Supplementary Homicide Reports, 1976-2004.

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	One Million and over	500K - 999K	250K - 499K	100K - 249K
1976	23.6	20.6	18.2	13.1
1977	25.3	20.5	16.9	13.5
1978	29.8	21.9	18.8	12.0
1979	35.8	21.6	20.0	13.3
1980	35.7	25.4	25.1	15.7
1981	36.3	22.5	23.2	16.0
1982	37.2	19.6	20.2	13.8
1983	32.6	16.9	18.1	12.0
1984	30.6	19.8	18.2	12.8
1985	30.2	18.8	19.6	12.1
1986	28.6	18.7	21.3	14.2
1987	28.1	20.9	17.4	12.7
1988	36.1	18.8	19.8	14.8
1989	37.3	20.8	20.5	14.5
1990	40.4	22.8	24.1	16.6
1991	45.1	26.5	23.2	18.3
1992	35.5	23.0	22.6	16.5
1993	33.7	24.1	26.7	17.1
1994	28.4	21.1	27.0	18.5
1995	25.7	23.4	25.8	15.0
1996	24.9	19.3	20.9	15.1
1997	21.1	20.6	20.3	13.7
1998	17.9	19.8	16.8	13.3
1999	17.4	15.9	17.0	10.5
2000	16.9	17.2	14.3	12.1
2001	17.4	19.0	13.5	12.0
2002	16.3	15.6	15.3	10.4
2003	14.2	15.7	15.3	11.5
2004	14.2	14.5	15.3	11.1

Homicide Offenders for Cities over 100,000 Population by Population Group

	One Million and over	500K - 999K	250K - 499K	100K - 249K
1976	4,284	2,560	2,163	1,960
1977	4,596	2,637	1,878	2,139
1978	5,292	2,599	2,201	1,939
1979	6,324	2,685	2,318	2,093
1980	6,213	2,940	3,053	2,482
1981	6,392	2,730	2,759	2,614
1982	5,978	2,422	2,489	2,246
1983	5,832	2,124	2,307	2,023
1984	4,571	2,363	2,456	2,170
1985	4,489	2,261	2,645	2,096
1986	5,714	1,993	2,855	2,389
1987	5,663	2,223	2,348	2,217
1988	7,324	2,194	2,321	2,328
1989	7,203	2,531	2,572	2,361
1990	8,070	2,325	3,161	2,727
1991	9,106	2,885	3,032	3,006
1992	7,223	2,811	3,141	3,043
1993	7,143	2,692	3,567	3,242
1994	6,049	2,601	3,470	3,509
1995	5,169	3,002	3,341	2,922
1996	5,556	2,011	2,743	2,912
1997	4,730	2,141	2,481	2,510
1998	3,870	2,172	2,063	2,410
1999	3,809	1,924	2,021	1,918
2000	4,060	2,170	1,726	2,339
2001	4,227	2,520	1,611	2,359
2002	4,024	2,097	1,891	2,230
2003	3,496	2,184	1,857	2,538
2004	3,517	2,018	1,931	2,360

Source: FBI, Supplementary Homicide Reports, 1976-2004.

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	Large city		Small city		Suburban		Rural	
	Intimate	Nonintimate or Unknown	Intimate	Nonintimate or Unknown	Intimate	Nonintimate or Unknown	Intimate	Nonintimate or Unknown
1976	13.1%	86.9%	18.8%	81.2%	17.5%	82.5%	19.6%	80.4%
1977	11.8%	88.2%	17.6%	82.4%	15.9%	84.1%	18.5%	81.5%
1978	11.3%	88.7%	15.8%	84.2%	15.9%	84.1%	17.6%	82.4%
1979	9.9%	90.1%	15.5%	84.5%	16.1%	83.9%	18.1%	81.9%
1980	9.3%	90.7%	15.5%	84.5%	14.1%	85.9%	17.1%	82.9%
1981	9.9%	90.1%	16.3%	83.7%	14.9%	85.1%	17.9%	82.1%
1982	9.7%	90.3%	14.8%	85.2%	14.9%	85.1%	17.4%	82.6%
1983	10.2%	89.8%	16.5%	83.5%	16.7%	83.3%	19.3%	80.7%
1984	10.4%	89.6%	17.2%	82.8%	14.9%	85.1%	17.3%	82.7%
1985	9.6%	90.4%	16.6%	83.4%	16.2%	83.8%	20.3%	79.7%
1986	9.3%	90.7%	15.5%	84.5%	15.7%	84.3%	19.1%	80.9%
1987	8.8%	91.2%	15.7%	84.3%	14.9%	85.1%	18.2%	81.8%
1988	8.4%	91.6%	14.8%	85.2%	16.2%	83.8%	18.8%	81.2%
1989	7.3%	92.7%	14.8%	85.2%	15.5%	84.5%	17.7%	82.3%
1990	6.8%	93.2%	14.0%	86.0%	14.1%	85.9%	17.4%	82.6%
1991	6.1%	93.9%	13.5%	86.5%	13.1%	86.9%	17.3%	82.7%
1992	5.9%	94.1%	12.7%	87.3%	13.1%	86.9%	18.5%	81.5%
1993	5.9%	94.1%	12.0%	88.0%	14.2%	85.8%	18.7%	81.3%
1994	5.7%	94.3%	12.2%	87.8%	13.6%	86.4%	17.6%	82.4%
1995	5.7%	94.3%	11.8%	88.2%	12.6%	87.4%	15.7%	84.3%
1996	6.0%	94.0%	10.2%	89.8%	13.7%	86.3%	19.6%	80.4%
1997	5.8%	94.2%	11.6%	88.4%	13.1%	86.9%	18.6%	81.4%
1998	6.8%	93.2%	12.1%	87.9%	15.7%	84.3%	20.4%	79.6%
1999	6.7%	93.3%	12.5%	87.5%	15.6%	84.4%	19.2%	80.8%
2000	7.0%	93.0%	11.6%	88.4%	15.6%	84.4%	21.6%	78.4%
2001	6.3%	93.7%	13.2%	86.8%	14.3%	85.7%	18.6%	81.4%
2002	6.2%	93.8%	11.0%	89.0%	14.4%	85.6%	19.0%	81.0%
2003	6.1%	93.9%	11.1%	88.9%	14.8%	85.2%	14.9%	85.1%
2004	6.0%	94.0%	11.0%	89.0%	13.9%	86.1%	19.7%	80.3%

Source: FBI, Supplementary Homicide Reports, 1976-2004.

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Cleared by
Arrest

	Percent cleared
1976	79%
1977	76%
1978	76%
1979	73%
1980	72%
1981	72%
1982	74%
1983	76%
1984	74%
1985	72%
1986	70%
1987	70%
1988	70%
1989	68%
1990	67%
1991	67%
1992	65%
1993	66%
1994	64%
1995	65%
1996	67%
1997	66%
1998	69%
1999	69%
2000	63%
2001	62%
2002	64%
2003	62%
2004	63%

Source: FBI, Supplementary Homicide Reports, 1976-2004.

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Percent Cleared by Victim Age

Age of Victim	Suspect identified		Suspect unknown	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
0	6,284	86.7%	967	13.3%
1	3,820	90.7%	393	9.3%
2	3,041	90.6%	314	9.4%
3	1,874	89.5%	219	10.5%
4	1,290	87.4%	186	12.6%
5	955	87.4%	138	12.6%
6	764	86.7%	118	13.3%
7	698	84.2%	131	15.8%
8	652	82.9%	134	17.1%
9	632	82.3%	136	17.7%
10	624	83.0%	128	17.0%
11	634	81.5%	144	18.5%
12	905	81.2%	209	18.8%
13	1,211	75.8%	386	24.2%
14	2,204	75.1%	730	24.9%
15	3,693	71.5%	1,471	28.5%
16	5,839	70.3%	2,469	29.7%
17	8,570	69.9%	3,690	30.1%
18	10,905	68.7%	4,972	31.3%
19	13,001	67.9%	6,148	32.1%
20	13,201	65.3%	7,022	34.7%
21	13,680	67.9%	6,475	32.1%
22	13,968	68.4%	6,449	31.6%
23	13,806	68.7%	6,279	31.3%
24	13,316	68.1%	6,237	31.9%
25	13,920	66.3%	7,085	33.7%
26	12,843	68.5%	5,897	31.5%
27	12,204	68.4%	5,648	31.6%
28	11,691	69.5%	5,139	30.5%
29	11,569	69.8%	5,014	30.2%
30	11,893	67.5%	5,738	32.5%
31	10,152	70.6%	4,227	29.4%
32	10,347	71.0%	4,236	29.0%
33	9,265	70.3%	3,906	29.7%
34	9,400	71.9%	3,677	28.1%
35	9,403	69.9%	4,051	30.1%
36	8,186	71.4%	3,283	28.6%
37	7,898	72.9%	2,930	27.1%
38	7,660	72.6%	2,888	27.4%
39	7,277	73.2%	2,659	26.8%
40	7,346	70.7%	3,040	29.3%
41	6,302	73.1%	2,318	26.9%
42	6,399	72.5%	2,427	27.5%
43	5,578	72.9%	2,076	27.1%
44	5,199	73.8%	1,848	26.2%
45	5,278	72.5%	1,998	27.5%
46	4,622	72.5%	1,751	27.5%
47	4,447	73.0%	1,648	27.0%
48	4,033	74.2%	1,405	25.8%
49	3,923	73.9%	1,386	26.1%
50	4,043	70.6%	1,681	29.4%
51	3,221	72.2%	1,240	27.8%
52	3,340	71.8%	1,312	28.2%
53	3,004	71.6%	1,189	28.4%
54	2,927	72.6%	1,106	27.4%
55	2,810	71.7%	1,111	28.3%
56	2,533	70.8%	1,043	29.2%
57	2,401	71.3%	969	28.7%
58	2,126	72.0%	826	28.0%
59	2,089	72.6%	787	27.4%
60	2,102	67.8%	999	32.2%
61	1,870	71.4%	750	28.6%
62	1,952	69.4%	862	30.6%
63	1,749	71.1%	712	28.9%
64	1,540	71.9%	603	28.1%
65	1,741	70.2%	738	29.8%
66	1,265	70.4%	532	29.6%
67	1,383	69.0%	620	31.0%
68	1,262	70.1%	539	29.9%
69	1,182	70.7%	491	29.3%
70	1,230	67.9%	581	32.1%
71	1,030	68.6%	472	31.4%
72	1,166	69.7%	508	30.3%
73	974	71.0%	397	29.0%
74	941	68.4%	434	31.6%
75	944	68.7%	429	31.3%
76	806	67.4%	390	32.6%
77	782	70.5%	327	29.5%
78	713	68.2%	333	31.8%
79	726	69.0%	326	31.0%
80	688	67.4%	333	32.6%
81	570	66.8%	284	33.2%
82	575	69.6%	252	30.4%
83	455	65.6%	239	34.4%
84	393	62.7%	234	37.3%
85	390	67.2%	190	32.8%
86	365	67.1%	179	32.9%
87	248	60.4%	163	39.6%
88	234	66.4%	119	33.6%
89	176	64.7%	96	35.3%
90	177	67.1%	87	32.9%

Source: FBI, Supplementary Homicide Reports, 1976-2004.

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Number of justifiable homicides

Year	By citizens	By police
1976	381	420
1977	240	314
1978	280	314
1979	381	445
1980	467	459
1981	495	383
1982	423	380
1983	334	419
1984	265	333
1985	265	321
1986	289	303
1987	246	300
1988	233	342
1989	273	363
1990	328	385
1991	331	367
1992	351	418
1993	357	455
1994	353	462
1995	268	389
1996	261	356
1997	280	366
1998	196	367
1999	192	308
2000	164	309
2001	221	378
2002	233	341
2003	245	371
2004	219	368

Source: FBI, Supplementary Homicide Reports, 1976-2004.

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Justifiable homicides by citizens

Year of Offense	Attacked cop	Attacked citizen	Fled or resisted	Disrupted crime	Undetermined
1976	8	101	11	212	49
1977	2	80	4	134	20
1978	2	82	6	182	8
1979	5	111	13	235	17
1980	1	108	17	329	12
1981	6	153	20	300	16
1982	13	87	5	305	13
1983	3	86	6	208	31
1984	9	44	7	178	27
1985	1	52	6	175	31
1986	3	82	5	182	17
1987	7	70	5	152	12
1988	2	54	5	151	21
1989	4	77	4	173	15
1990	5	94	5	206	18
1991	6	78	1	217	29
1992	11	112	5	203	20
1993	2	86	6	232	31
1994	9	100	3	211	30
1995	5	82	4	153	24
1996	6	74	1	159	21
1997	3	66	3	171	37
1998	5	61	4	106	20
1999	6	66	4	92	24
2000	7	46	4	88	19
2001	6	66	2	116	31
2002	5	84	4	115	25
2003	3	68	4	145	25
2004	6	95	3	91	24

Justifiable homicides by police

Year of Offense	Attacked cop	Attacked citizen	Fled or resisted	Disrupted crime	Undetermined
1976	124	4	108	109	75
1977	128	4	65	95	22
1978	159	9	56	67	23
1979	209	11	77	109	39
1980	183	5	87	133	51
1981	138	7	76	120	42
1982	134	9	55	132	50
1983	171	10	66	120	52
1984	140	8	56	77	52
1985	131	14	62	84	30
1986	144	4	43	64	48
1987	154	8	39	70	29
1988	165	12	43	84	38
1989	186	15	52	82	28
1990	193	10	52	89	41
1991	171	11	53	94	38
1992	237	7	40	92	42
1993	285	4	28	86	52
1994	264	4	36	92	66
1995	220	2	32	84	51
1996	199	5	37	61	54
1997	205	6	28	80	47
1998	207	7	29	80	44
1999	199	4	23	53	29
2000	191	6	15	65	32
2001	231	8	18	72	49
2002	207	6	25	68	35
2003	219	6	27	81	38
2004	250	4	25	43	46

Source: FBI, Supplementary Homicide Reports, 1976-2004.

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Number of justifiable homicides

Age of Felon Killed	By Citizen	By Police
11		1
12	2	2
13	11	7
14	31	27
15	87	75
16	156	137
17	271	248
18	341	275
19	380	387
20	428	446
21	394	462
22	397	461
23	399	445
24	384	425
25	412	462
26	374	455
27	340	431
28	301	399
29	292	409
30	317	386
31	269	370
32	238	348
33	258	313
34	207	323
35	192	268
36	174	271
37	172	234
38	164	226
39	148	196
40	146	201
41	124	185
42	103	151
43	103	147
44	86	126
45	94	120
46	64	94
47	60	92
48	57	106
49	59	80
50	51	82
51	46	50
52	34	59
53	31	55
54	25	44
55	27	47
56	23	43
57	16	45
58	17	30
59	22	35
60	18	33
61	10	21
62	12	30
63	10	25
64	15	22
65	10	26
66	9	19
67	7	18
68	6	9
69	5	14
70	5	12
71	1	12
72	1	13
73	6	10
74	5	8
75	1	6
76	5	6
77	5	1
78	3	5
79	1	8
80	1	3
81		7
82	1	4
83		3
84	1	3
85		4
86	2	1
87	1	
88		1
89		1

Source: FBI, Supplementary Homicide Reports, 1976-2004.

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Weighting and Imputation Procedures for the 1976-2004 Cumulative Data File

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Most of the data used in Homicide Trends in the United States are from the FBI's Supplementary Homicide Reports (SHR) which provides detailed, incident-level data on nearly all murders and nonnegligent manslaughters in the United States. These reports include information on the month and year of an offense, on the reporting agency and its residential population, county and Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) codes, geographic division, and population group, on the age, race, and sex of victims and offenders, and on the victim-offender relationship, weapon use and circumstance of the crime. Except for some slight modification in 1980, the record layout and variable definitions in the SHR data have remained unchanged since 1976 when the reporting format underwent a major revision.

This document describes adjustments used in this analysis for handling missing data in the SHR that result from agency failure to file reports and incomplete records that are missing certain information about the incident, victim or offender.

Correcting for Missing Records

Law enforcement agencies voluntarily report both Uniform Crime Reports (UCR) summary data and SHR incident data to the FBI on a monthly basis. The offense data in the UCR includes counts of murder and nonnegligent manslaughter as well as seven other Index crimes. The number of murders and nonnegligent manslaughter is based on the number of victims. For the most part, each month agencies report a total number of offenses in each Index crime category. In some instances agencies may not report each month or may not report at all which results in missing data when aggregating to the State or national level. After imputing for missing data, the FBI publishes estimates for the Nation as a whole as well as for individual States for all Index offenses, including murder and nonnegligent manslaughter. (For additional information on the imputation methods used by the FBI, see "Bridging Gaps in Police Crime Data" by Michael Maltz, 10/99, NCJ 176365, <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/abstract/bgpdc.htm>.) These annual UCR State and national estimates of homicide volumes are used as benchmarks for assessing the completeness of the SHR data file and to adjust SHR victim or offender counts as needed.

Not all of the murders and nonnegligent manslaughters reported in the UCR are included in the SHR. The SHR file appears to be just over 90% complete, although, as shown in Table 1, the level of completeness of the SHR has generally diminished in recent years. To correct for missing SHR records, the national and regional totals have been benchmarked to the UCR estimates. Specifically, SHR records were weighted so that State and national total counts matched UCR estimates for murder and nonnegligent manslaughter. This weighting process assumes that the missing records are not systematically different from those available in the file. While the systematic exclusions for certain years of a State like Florida or a city like Washington, D.C. may cause some concern, the fact that missingness occurs in both large and small jurisdictions lends support for applying these benchmark weights.

Table 1. SHR Records Pertaining to Incident, Victim, and Offender Counts

Year	All Homicides		Murder & Nonnegligent Manslaughter					UCR Benchmark Weight
	SHR Data File	SHR Data File	SHR Data File	UCR Estimated	UCR Estimated	UCR Estimated	UCR Estimated	
1976	16,744	17,406	15,951	16,605	17,995	18,780	20,352	1.131
1977	17,825	18,586	17,277	18,032	19,228	19,120	20,388	1.060
1978	18,546	19,308	17,957	18,714	20,075	19,560	20,983	1.045
1979	20,576	21,417	19,756	20,591	22,247	21,460	23,186	1.042
1980	21,911	22,786	21,002	21,860	24,859	23,040	26,201	1.054
1981	20,152	20,931	19,284	20,053	21,794	22,520	24,475	1.123
1982	19,413	20,288	18,622	19,485	21,219	21,010	22,880	1.078
1983	18,690	19,426	17,954	18,673	20,315	19,310	21,008	1.034
1984	17,168	17,858	16,574	17,260	18,781	18,690	20,337	1.083
1985	17,348	18,131	16,763	17,545	18,831	18,980	20,371	1.082
1986	19,089	19,849	18,510	19,257	20,722	20,610	22,178	1.070
1987	17,747	18,509	17,205	17,963	19,396	20,100	21,703	1.119
1988	17,846	18,546	17,277	17,971	19,841	20,680	22,832	1.150
1989	18,812	19,588	18,184	18,952	20,898	21,500	23,708	1.134
1990	20,404	21,246	19,451	20,273	22,889	23,440	26,465	1.156
1991	21,817	22,656	20,863	21,676	24,807	24,700	28,268	1.139
1992	22,753	23,793	21,761	22,616	25,382	23,760	26,549	1.046
1993	23,320	24,336	22,175	23,180	26,116	24,530	27,637	1.058
1994	22,231	23,246	21,093	22,084	25,075	23,330	26,490	1.056
1995	20,099	21,193	19,154	20,232	22,667	21,610	24,211	1.068
1996	17,053	17,829	16,203	16,967	19,350	19,650	22,410	1.158
1997	15,929	16,726	15,052	15,836	17,918	18,210	20,604	1.150
1998	14,313	14,975	13,556	14,209	16,177	16,970	19,320	1.194
1999	12,792	13,511	12,299	13,011	14,587	15,522	17,402	1.193
2000	13,220	13,856	12,597	13,230	15,059	15,586	17,741	1.178
2001	14,239	17,695	13,369	14,080	15,949	16,037	18,166	1.139
2002	14,362	15,037	13,481	14,274	16,075	16,204	18,249	1.135
2003	14,251	15,252	13,584	14,436	16,083	16,528	18,414	1.145
2004	14,198	14,946	13,435	14,164	15,972	16,137	18,197	1.139
1976-2004	522,848	548,926	500,329	523,329	580,307	577,574	640,722	

Correcting for Incomplete Records

Even for the 90% of SHR records that are available for analysis, certain variables have nontrivial rates of missingness. At one extreme, characteristics of an agency (e.g., region, population group) are always complete. Victim data, though sometimes missing, are absent at such a low rate that standard approaches for handling missing data (specifically, listwise deletion) hardly bias analyses of patterns and trends in victimization. Specifically, as shown in the top panel of Table 2, victim age is missing in 1.72% of homicides, race in 1.03% and sex in 0.14%. Overall, 2.48% are missing on at least one of these measures.

At the other extreme, the percentage of missing data is greater for homicide offenders than victims. A significant problem in using SHR data to analyze offender characteristics is the sizable and growing number of unsolved homicides contained in the data file. Overall, 26 percent of the SHR offender records describe the perpetrator as unknown (based on situation codes), and this percentage has grown from just under 20 percent in 1976 to nearly 30 percent by the mid-1990s. Even when the offender is known to the police, not all characteristics about the offender may be reported. Table 2 shows specifically that as many as 26.46% of offender records contain no information about the perpetrators, and 31.52% of records are not complete in terms of the assailant's age, race and sex.

Table 2. Patterns of Missingness in Victim and Offender Data in the Supplementary Homicide File

Victim File	Characteristic		Cases	Percent
	Age	Race Sex		
	●	●	510,327	97.52%
	●	●	50	0.01%
	●	●	3,858	0.74%
	●	●	78	0.01%
	●	●	7,533	1.44%
	●	●	19	0.00%
	●	●	895	0.17%
	●	●	569	0.11%
Total			523,329	100.00%
Offender File				
	●	●	397,401	68.48%
	●	●	37	0.01%
	●	●	2,817	0.49%
	●	●	189	0.03%
	●	●	23,914	4.12%
	●	●	130	0.02%
	●	●	2,261	0.39%
	●	●	153,558	26.46%
Total			580,307	100.00%
With complete victim data				
	●	●	392,253	67.59%
	●	●	33	0.01%
	●	●	1,470	0.25%
	●	●	176	0.03%
	●	●	23,003	3.96%
	●	●	123	0.02%
	●	●	2,081	0.36%
	●	●	147,049	25.34%
With incomplete victim data				
	●	●	5,148	0.89%
	●	●	4	0.00%
	●	●	1,347	0.23%
	●	●	13	0.00%
	●	●	911	0.16%
	●	●	7	0.00%
	●	●	180	0.03%
	●	●	6,509	1.12%
Total			580,307	100.00%

Ignoring unsolved homicides and missing offender data seriously understates calculated rates of offending overall and by particular subgroups of the population, distorts trends over time among these same subgroups, and biases observed patterns of offending to the extent that the likelihood of missingness of offender data is associated with offender characteristics.

While it is not possible to determine directly whether case solution and thus missingness in offender data are associated with offender characteristics themselves, some indication about the pattern of missingness can be derived from examining the extent to which the likelihood of case solution is related to victim and incident variables. As shown in Table 3, case solution rates are lowest for homicides against young adult victims as well as for elderly victims. Solution rates are also lower for incidents involving black or male victims. As expected, solution rates decrease with increasing population size and urbanness. In part as a consequence of urbanicity differences, solution rates in the South are much higher than other regions. Finally, whether or not a gun is used to commit the homicide does not appear to impact upon rates of case solution.

Table 3. Case Solution Rates by Victim, Location, and Incident Characteristics

Variable	Category	Solved Cases		Unsolved Cases	
		Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Victim Age	0-13	23,178	86.98%	3,468	13.02%
	14-17	20,185	70.95%	8,266	29.05%
	18-24	91,384	67.95%	43,111	32.05%
	25-34	112,614	69.27%	49,949	30.73%
	35-49	37,400	72.52%	35,242	27.48%
	50-64	33,492	71.43%	14,998	28.57%
65+	20,849	68.77%	9,470	31.23%	
Victim Race	White	208,326	72.67%	78,341	27.33%
	Black	181,789	68.71%	82,786	31.29%
	Other	8,586	71.77%	3,378	28.23%
Victim Sex	Male	298,588	69.33%	132,058	30.67%
	Female	100,114	75.52%	32,446	24.48%
Location	Large city	123,163	62.73%	73,170	37.27%
	Medium City	87,576	68.93%	39,470	31.07%
	Small city	50,544	77.98%	14,275	22.02%
	Suburban	87,386	74.42%	30,033	25.58%
	Rural	50,033	86.88%	7,556	13.12%
	Region	Northeast	60,303	63.18%	35,144
Midwest		75,519	69.52%	33,116	30.48%
South		175,872	76.26%	54,751	23.74%
West		87,008	67.71%	41,494	32.29%
Weapon	Nongun	144,551	71.90%	56,480	28.10%
	Gun	254,151	70.17%	108,024	29.83%

A weighting strategy based on available information about the victims (age, race and sex) murdered in both solved and unsolved homicides is used to adjust for missing offender data in Homicide Trends in the United States. Through this imputation algorithm, the demographic characteristics of unidentified offenders are inferred on the basis of similar homicide cases--similar in terms of the victim and incident profile--that had been solved. In other words, offender profiles for unsolved crimes are estimated based on the offender profiles in solved cases matched on victim age, sex and race, region, urbanness, weapon and circumstances.

The weighting procedure is accomplished by establishing adjustment groups within a large, multidirectional cross tabulation. For each cell, we tally the number of offenders (N_c) and the number having complete offender data (n_c), and use as a weight the inverse proportion of complete cases:

$$w_c = \frac{N_c}{n_c}$$

Next these adjustment cell weights are applied to the offender records based on their cell membership (i.e., based on victim age, race, sex, location type, weapon and circumstance) and whether or not the offender information is complete. That is,

$$w = \begin{cases} w_c & \text{if offender data are complete} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Finally, the weights are adjusted or "raked" post-stratification so that marginal weighted counts by year and State match fixed values.

This weighting approach is applied to the entire offender record so that cases with missing offender age, race or sex are excluded by virtue of their zero case weights. As a consequence, partial offender information is discarded, causing some slight inefficiency in the approach. While it would be possible to retain partial offender information, this would require separate weights for each offender characteristic. Finally, all non-zero weights are further increased slightly to account for the small percentage of cases unassigned to any adjustment cell because of their being missing on one or more victim characteristic.

In any analysis of weighted data, offenders with incomplete age, race or sex information are dropped due to assigned zero weights. Offenders with complete age, race and sex information all have weights at or above 1.0, and become proxies for excluded cases, matched on victim characteristics, State, and year. Thus, for example, an offender with an imputation weight of 2.0 would count in any analysis as if he/she were two offenders. The entire distribution of the weighting variable is shown in Table 4.

Table 4. Distribution of Imputation Weights

Weight	Cases	
	Number	Percent
Exactly 0	188,015	32.40%
1.00 - 1.99	316,246	54.50%
2.00 - 2.99	59,063	10.18%
3.00 - 3.99	12,738	2.20%
4.00 - 4.99	3,265	0.56%
5.00 - 5.99	927	0.17%
6.00 - 6.99	3	0.00%
7.00 - 7.99	2	0.00%
8.00 +	3	0.00%
Total	545,720	100.00%
Mean	1.104	
Standard deviation	0.922	
Median	1.224	
75th %tile	1.593	
90th %tile	2.171	
95th %tile	2.655	
99th %tile	3.767	
Maximum	16.053	

Table 5 demonstrates the impact of applying the imputation weights by comparing the distribution of offender characteristics (age, race and sex) using the adjustment weights with those using listwise deletion of missing data. The approach boosts the abundance of youthful offenders; offenders under the age of 25 represent 47.4% of the imputed distribution, compared to 45.0% for the distribution using listwise deletion. The percentage of black offenders grows to 52.1%, compared to 51.1% without weighting. The sex distribution, which by any measure overwhelmingly favors male perpetrators, shifts slightly from 88.1% to 88.7% (clearly indicating a ceiling effect governing this percentage).

Table 5. Offender characteristics without and with imputation weights

Offender Characteristics	Without Imputation			With Imputation Weights	
	Number	Percent	Adjusted Percent	Number	Percent
Offender Age					
Under 14	2,163	0.34%	0.49%	3,040	0.47%
14-17	43,089	6.73%	9.75%	66,974	10.45%
18-24	153,521	23.96%	34.75%	233,630	36.46%
25-34	127,519	19.90%	28.86%	182,594	28.50%
35-49	81,589	12.73%	18.47%	110,565	17.26%
50-64	25,358	3.96%	5.74%	32,903	5.14%
65+	8,585	1.34%	1.94%	11,016	1.72%
Missing	198,899	31.04%			
Total	640,722	100.00%	100.00%	640,722	100.00%
Offender Race					
White	218,130	34.04%	46.88%	293,838	45.86%
Black	237,820	37.12%	51.12%	333,871	52.11%
Other	9,306	1.45%	2.00%	13,012	2.03%
Missing	175,466	27.39%			
Total	640,722	100.00%	100.00%	640,722	100.00%
Offender Sex					
Male	414,723	64.73%	88.11%	568,526	88.73%
Female	55,923	8.74%	11.89%	72,196	11.27%
Missing	170,027	26.54%			
Total	640,722	100.00%	100.00%	640,722	100.00%