

# Murder and Nonnegligent Manslaughter

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For UCR purposes, law enforcement agencies (LEAs) report any death due to injuries received in a fight, quarrel, argument, assault, or commission of a crime as Murder and Nonnegligent Manslaughter.

Although LEAs may charge offenders with lesser offenses, e.g., negligent manslaughter, agencies report the offense as Murder and Nonnegligent Manslaughter if the killing was willful or intentional.

Agencies do not classify suicides, traffic fatalities (including those involving DUI), fetal deaths, assaults to murder, attempted murders, or accidental deaths as Murder and Nonnegligent Manslaughter. In addition, the FBI UCR Program classifies assault to murder and attempted murder as Aggravated Assault, and it counts some accidental deaths as Negligent Manslaughter.

Situations in which a victim dies of a heart attack as a result of a robbery or of witnessing a crime likewise do not meet the criteria for inclusion as Murder and Nonnegligent Manslaughter. An offender cannot willfully cause someone to have a heart attack. Even in instances where an individual has a weak heart, there is no assurance an offender can cause sufficient emotional or physical stress to guarantee the victim will suffer a fatal heart attack.

The FBI Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program **National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS)** defines Murder and Nonnegligent Manslaughter as:

*The willful (nonnegligent) killing of one human being by another*

**For 2013, LEAs reported 3,465 victims of Murder and Nonnegligent Manslaughter to the NIBRS.**

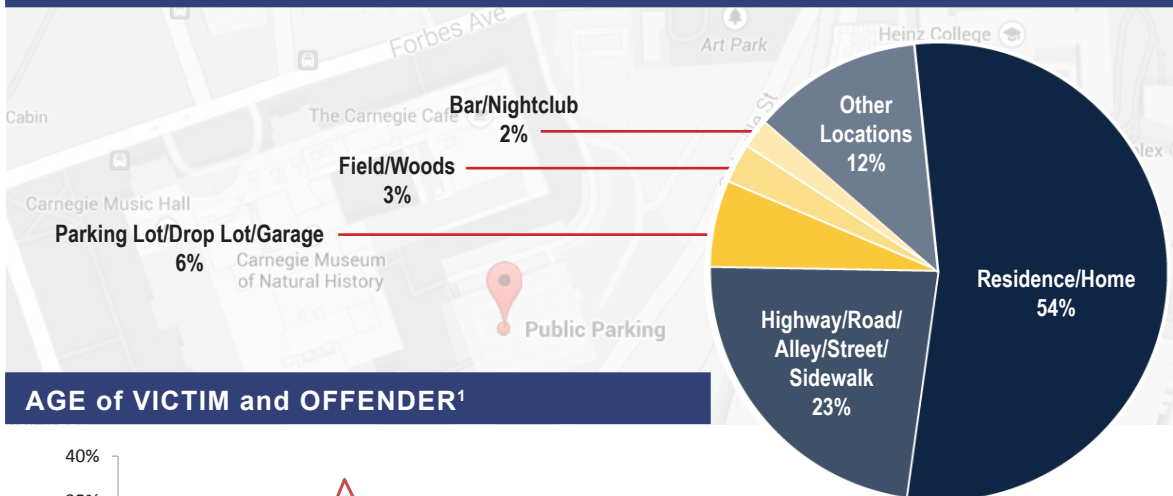
## SEX and RACE of VICTIM and OFFENDER<sup>1</sup>

	Sex			Race					
	Male	Female	Unknown Sex	White	Black or African American	American Indian/Alaska Native	Asian	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	Unknown Race
<b>Victim</b>	2,573	877	15	1,567	1,780	21	41	0	56
<b>Offender<sup>2</sup></b>	3,258	477	298	1,511	2,096	33	37	0	356

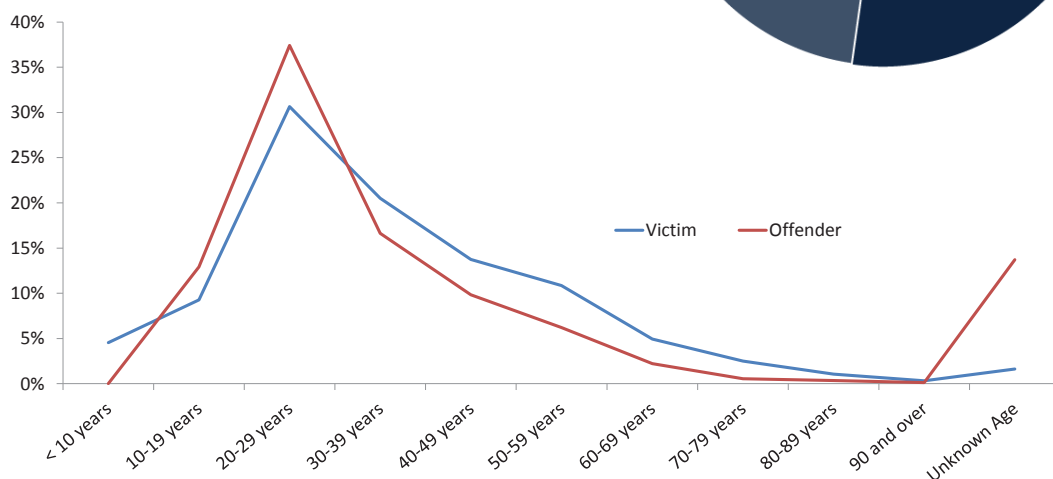
<sup>1</sup>There were 426 incidents of Murder and Nonnegligent Manslaughter with an Unknown Offender (i.e., where law enforcement knew nothing about who committed the crime).

<sup>2</sup>LEAs reported the victims of Murder and Nonnegligent Manslaughter were 25 percent female and 74 percent male. Over 51 percent of the offenders were black or African American; 37 percent were white.

## LOCATION WHERE MURDER and NONNEGLIGENT MANSLAUGHTER OCCURS



## AGE of VICTIM and OFFENDER<sup>1</sup>

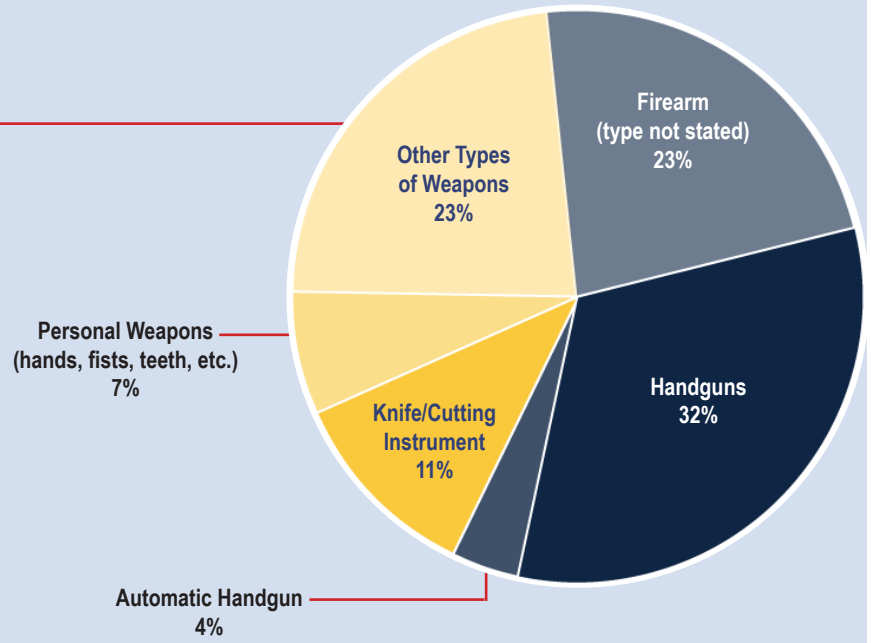


<sup>1</sup>The victim of Murder and Nonnegligent Manslaughter was most often 20-29 years old (1,062) and the offender was most often 20-29 years old (1,509).

**MURDER and NONNEGLIGENT MANSLAUGHTER by WEAPON/FORCE USED<sup>1</sup> Percent Distribution, 2013**

**Other Types of Weapons<sup>2</sup>**

Automatic Firearm	35
Rifle	89
Automatic Rifle	11
Shotgun	107
Other Firearm	17
Automatic Other Firearm	1
Blunt Object	134
Motor Vehicle	48
Poison	2
Explosives	1
Fire/Incendiary Device	41
Drugs/Narcotics/Sleeping Pills	33
Asphyxiation	42
Other <sup>3</sup>	120



**RELATIONSHIP of the VICTIM to the OFFENDER**

Percent with known victim/offender relationship

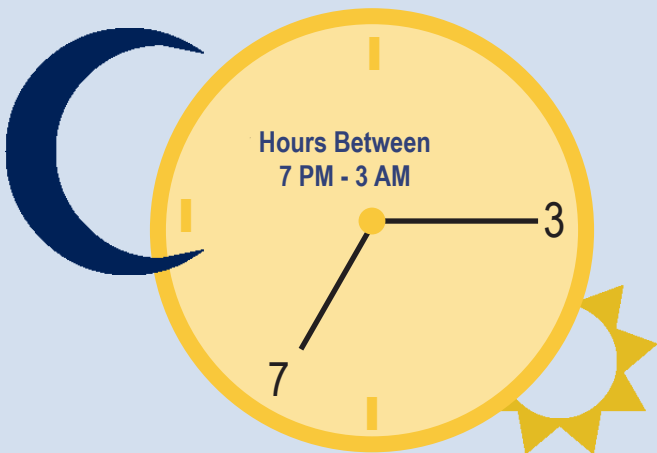
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Stranger</b>	<b>19%</b>
<b>Known to Victim</b>	<b>81%</b>
Acquaintance	33%
Spouse	7%
Boyfriend/Girlfriend	7%
Friend	5%
Child	5%
Otherwise Known	11%
All Other Relationships	13%

<sup>1</sup>LEAs may report multiple weapons per offense type.

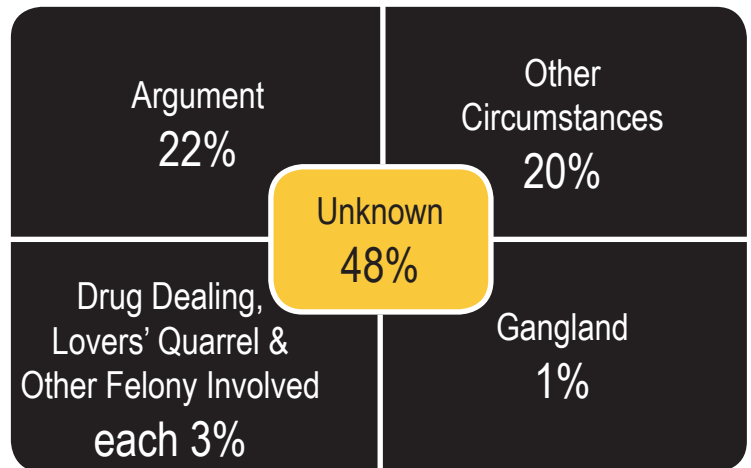
<sup>2</sup>Due to rounding, the percentages do not add to 23 percent.

<sup>3</sup>Other includes drowning, strangulation, suffocation, gas, etc.

**WHEN DO the MAJORITY of MURDER and NONNEGLIGENT MANSLAUGHTER OFFENSES OCCUR?**



**CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING MURDER and NONNEGLIGENT MANSLAUGHTER**



<sup>1</sup>The circumstances Assault on Law Enforcement Officer, Juvenile Gang, and Mercy Killing were added into Other Circumstances since their combined percentage was less than one percent.