

Homicide Situations

The 576 homicide victims were killed in a total of 550 homicide situations involving multiple or single victims and multiple or single known or unknown offenders, as indicated in the previous table.

This year 307 or 55.8 percent of the homicide situations involved a single offender; 159 incidents or 28.9 percent involved unknown offenders; and 84 or 15.3 percent involved multiple offenders.

Age, Race, Sex of Victims

Murder victims were predominately male, accounting for 76.2 percent of the total. Victim analysis by race discloses that 35.4 percent were White and 64.6 percent were Non-White. The largest number of victims were in the 20-24 age range, accounting for 23.3 percent of the total.

Murder Weapons

As outlined in the following table, firearms were predominately the weapons used in murder (72.9 percent). Handguns alone accounted for 393 or 68.2 percent of all murders.